



South Dakota Public Utilities Commission



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The Honorable William J. Janklow
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Dear Governor Janklow:

The following is the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission's 1999 Annual Report in electronic format. This report can be viewed at the Commission's website address: <http://www.state.sd.us/puc/>. For those who do not have Internet access, conventional hard copies are available from the Commission.

This report describes the Commission's 1999 activities, functions and accomplishments. Included are facts, statements and explanations necessary to fully disclose its transactions and conduct and a complete financial report of its receipts and expenditures. Also included is a list of South Dakota's regulated utilities, a list of all docketed matters that came before the Commission and a list of all court actions involving the Commission during the year.

The Commissioners and Commission Staff are available to discuss the various topics contained in this report.

Sincerely,

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Mission Statement

- ◆ To serve and protect the public by ensuring safe, reliable and high quality utility services at rates reflecting either a competitive market, in areas where competition develops, or fair regulation, in areas where competition does not exist. We do this by keeping the public informed so they can make wise choices, by promoting their interests through public policy, and by resolving disputes between customers and their utilities and between competing utilities.

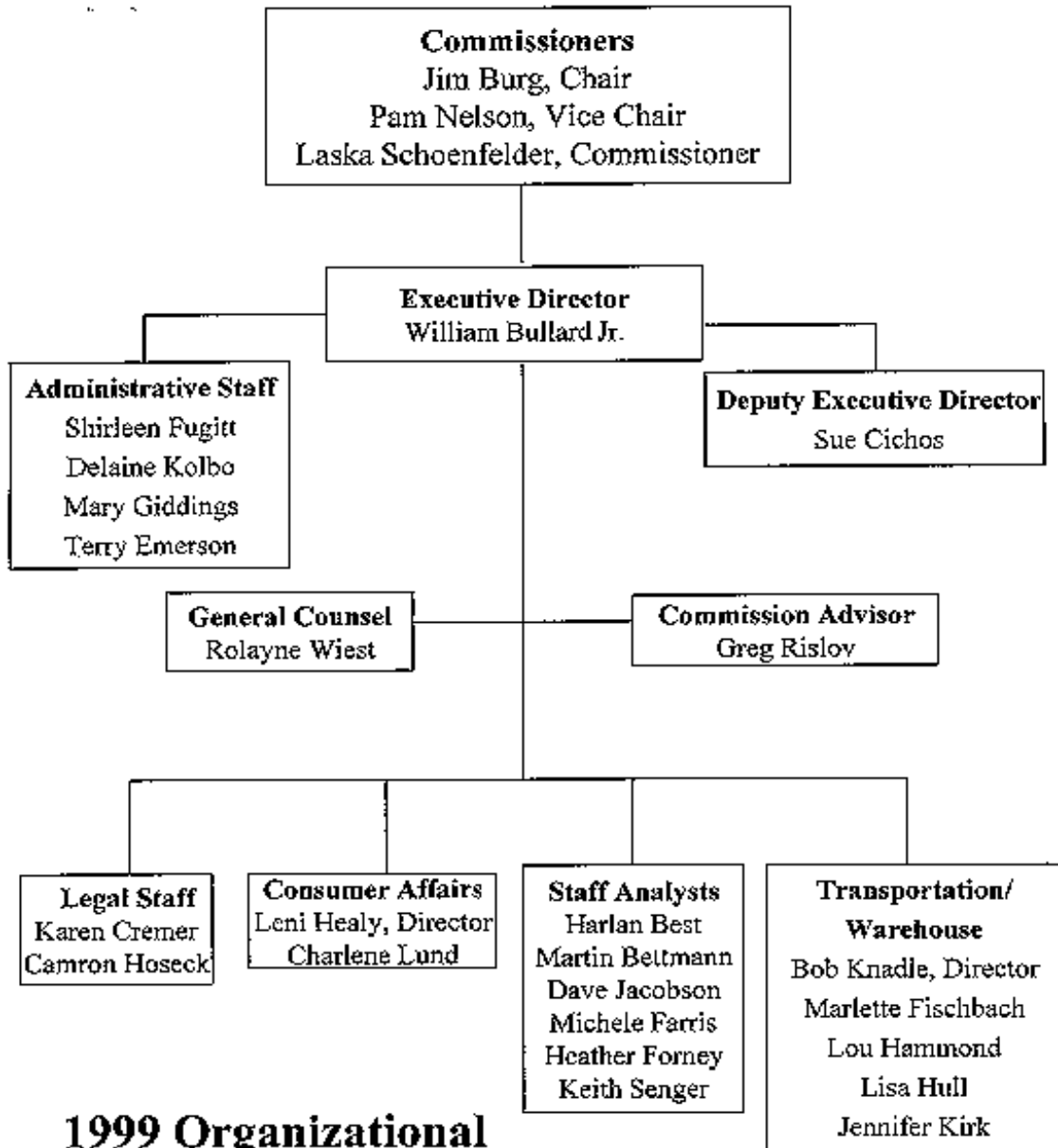
Vision Statement

- ◆ To become the primary expert, the principle information source, the consumer protector, the educator and problem solver for all utility matters falling within the public domain.

Background

The South Dakota Public Utilities Commission consists of three elected at-large Commissioners each serving staggered, 6-year terms. The Commission has 24 staff members. The Commission is authorized by statute and regulates the rates and service quality of investor-owned electric, natural gas, and telephone utilities and has territorial jurisdiction over all retail electric companies, including cooperatives, independents, and municipals. In addition the Commission registers interstate motor carriers, licenses and inspects grain elevators and grain dealers, operates the natural gas pipeline safety program, and maintains the state's one-call notification center which regulates excavation activities.

1999 Organizational Chart



**1999 Organizational
Chart of the PUC**

Regulated Utility Companies

The Commission has territory, complaint and quality of service authority over all natural gas, electric and telecommunication utilities operating within South Dakota. Certain utilities are exempt from the Commission's rate regulation. They include municipal, rural electric cooperatives and small, independent and cooperative telephone companies. The Commission retains its switched access rate making authority for all telecommunications companies providing local service, including small, independent and cooperative companies.

The following investor-owned electric and natural gas companies are rate regulated by the Commission:

- Black Hills Power and Light Company
- MidAmerican Energy Company
- Montana-Dakota Utilities
- Northern State Power Company
- Northwestern Public Service
- Otter Tail Power Company
- People's Natural Gas
- South Dakota Intrastate Pipeline Company

On July 1, 1999, the rates for U.S. West Communication Inc.'s residential and local exchange service were capped by the South Dakota Legislature at the rates previously set by the Commission and then in effect.

1999 Headlines

March, 1999: PUC COMMISSIONER NELSON IS NEW VICE CHAIR OF NATIONAL CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE--South Dakota Public Utilities Commissioner Pam Nelson was appointed to a one-year term as Vice Chair of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Ad Hoc Committee on Consumer Affairs.

August, 1999: PUC CHAIRMAN JIM BURG APPOINTED TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE ELECTRIC POWER RESEARCH INSTITUTE--Commission Chairman Jim Burg was appointed to a three-year term on the EPRI Advisory Council.

September, 1999: PUC COMMISSIONER SCHOENFELDER IS NEW CHAIRWOMEN OF FEDERAL/STATE JOINT BOARD ON UNIVERSAL SERVICE--Commissioner Laska Schoenfelder has served on the board since 1996 and was elected to the leadership by the eight-member board.

January 22, 1999: TELEPHONE SLAMMING TOPS LIST OF MOST FREQUENT PUC COMPLAINTS--Consumers sought help from the Public Utilities Commission twice as often in 1998 as they did in 1997. The PUC's Consumer Affairs division received 3,321 complaints in 1998 concerning the regulated electric, natural gas and telecommunications industries. Over half of all the 1998 complaints, 1,623, were related to the unlawful practice of slamming (unauthorized switching of a customer's long distance telephone company).

April 8, 1999: PUC TO ENFORCE TOUGH SLAMMING/CRAMMING LAW--The South Dakota Public Utilities Commission voted today to write new rules to implement the state's new anti slamming and cramming law. The 1999 Legislature passed and the Governor signed Senate Bill 238 which prohibits slamming and cramming and provides penalties for violators. "We now have one of the nation's toughest anti-slamming and cramming laws," said PUC Commissioner Pam Nelson. The new law goes into effect on July 1, 1999.

February 11, 1999: SOUTH DAKOTA PUC COMMENTS ON THE FERC'S NOTICE OF INTENT TO CONSULT WITH STATE COMMISSIONS REGARDING REGIONAL TRANSMISSION ORGANIZATIONS--St. Louis, MO--"If the FERC in spite of our objections decides to establish boundaries, we believe the MAPP region is a logical starting point for our eastern systems. . . ," commented the PUC and it added, "Certainly top-to-bottom restructuring efforts must consider the nuances of each state if they intend to be truly successful. These nuances would be more fully and efficiently addressed with direct state commission input."

1999 Activities

ELECTRICITY

The Commission approved BHP&L's request for a new general service large-optional combined account billing rate schedule thus allowing its industrial and commercial customers to aggregate their previously individualized bills by combining energy and demand usage from multiple locations onto one bill. The Commission approved several applications for changes to assigned service territories. The Commission received a filing from NSP requesting approval of the inclusion of financial incentives in its fuel clause. Also related to NSP, the Commission has opened a docket to determine if the Sioux Falls, SD, customers of NSP should share equally in the cost of burying NSP's overhead facilities pursuant to a city ordinance requiring such burial whenever the city resurfaces streets in an urban renewal area defined by city ordinance.

NATURAL GAS

In November of 1999, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. filed an application to pass through both a refund and a surcharge related to FERC jurisdictional rate cases of its affiliate Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company. The South Dakota Commission participated in the FERC rate cases. The net effect was a refund of over \$1.5 million which was passed through to South Dakota customers via an out-of-cycle reconciliation of over/under PGA collections during a period from 12/1/99 through 4/30/00. The Commission approved the refund plan.

MidAmerican Energy filed in November of 1998 to increase South Dakota jurisdictional natural gas rates by \$3.2 million. The Commission approved a settlement in the case on April 23, 1999, resulting in a \$2.4 million increase in rates. In June of 1999, Northwestern Public Service filed to increase its natural gas rates by \$2.1 million. The Commission approved a settlement in the case on November 15, 1999, resulting in a \$1.28 million increase in rates.

In October, 1999 NorthWestern Public Service filed an application to pass through a refund of \$507,041 related to a FERC jurisdictional rate case of Northern Natural Gas Company. The refund was netted against the current true-up balance, thus spreading the refund, with interest, to South Dakota customers over a twelve-month period beginning with service billings after December 1, 1999. The Commission approved the refund plan.

1999 Activities

ONE-CALL NOTIFICATION

South Dakota One-Call is a mandatory statewide one-call notification system established to inform all South Dakota underground facility operators of intended excavation. In its fifth year of operation, the South Dakota One Call Notification Board has contracted with One Call Systems Inc. of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as its systems operator. The One Call Notification Board functions as an eleven-member board whose members are appointed by the Governor and, by statute, represent various utility and contracting industries.

PIPELINE SAFETY PROGRAM

The purpose of this program is to protect South Dakota citizens from avoidable safety mishaps involving the transmission and distribution of natural gas and propane. This program has jurisdiction of over 3,619 miles of transmission and distribution pipelines that serve over 152,000 South Dakota Customers. South Dakota has 18 operators subject to the program's jurisdiction. There are three large natural gas system operators, five municipal natural gas system operators, two natural gas master meter system operators, four propane system operators, and four intrastate pipeline operators.

This program performs a semi-annual inspection schedule. Over each two-year period, more than 65 safety features are inspected. The safety features subject to inspection in each year of the two-year schedule are further divided into semi-annual inspections. Efficiency is achieved for smaller operators by limiting their inspections to a single, annual inspection. This program routinely conducts unscheduled inspections of new construction and investigates safety infractions. There were no reportable incidences during the 1999 calendar year.

1999 Activities

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

The Commission promulgated administrative rules implementing the state's new anti-slamming and cramming laws. These rules went into effect on July 1, 1999. In November of 1999, the Commission opened a new rulemaking docket for purposes of streamlining its consumer complaint processing rules.

On December 24, 1998, U S WEST filed to implement a \$.17 per month surcharge on all flat rate residential and business customers' access lines in the Sioux Falls exchange. The Commission ordered U S WEST to eliminate toll service between the Sioux Falls exchange and the exchanges of Dell Rapids and Colton served by Sioux Valley Telephone Company and to replace it with Extended Area Service (EAS). U S WEST then filed for the recovery of its alleged lost toll revenues through a \$.17 per month surcharge which it classified as a noncompetitive service. On May 12, 1999, the Commission ruled that U S WEST should not be allowed to implement this surcharge.

In response to 11 formal and informal complaints against Western Telecom and 29 formal and informal complaints against Touchtone Communications since January of 1999, the Commission issued orders to show cause against Western Telecom and Touchtone Communications as to why the Commission should not assess civil fines or other penalties for violations of South Dakota laws. The Commission also ordered the company to submit a complete listing of South Dakota customers. Allegations against the companies include operating without a certificate of authority, slamming and cramming. Hearings have been scheduled for early 2000.

1999 Activities

Commission Staff filed a petition with the Commission on October 26, 1998, requesting the Commission to order U S WEST to file updates to its Exchange and Network Services Catalog, Access Service Catalog, Advanced Communications Services Catalog and Private Line Transport Services Catalog. U S WEST argued that the fully competitive catalog pages are available on the internet and that it would continue to file emerging competitive and noncompetitive tariffs with the Commission. On March 5, 1999, the Commission received a letter from U S WEST stating that the affidavit no longer reflected the company's position that U S WEST "is or will be offering products designed to meet competition that are within the statutory definition of emerging competitive and noncompetitive services, and it is USWC's view that these competitive rate offerings do not have to be filed" with the Commission. A hearing was held on April 27, 1999. On August 26, 1999, the Commission issued its Order Deferring Action Indefinitely And Maing Application For Reclassification Of IntraLATA Services. The Commission Staff and U S WEST then stipulated to a reclassification of U S WEST's IntraLATA Services, classifying them as fully competitive. A decision regarding whether U S WEST must file the requested updates is pending.

Several complaints against U S WEST alleging inadequate service quality have been tried before the Commission. These include rural areas where service has been interrupted or is of poor quality and complainants have asked for specific damages attributed to this lack of service quality. The Commission decided one such complaint in August, 1999, ordering U S WEST to provide the complainant with a telecommunications plant capable of furnishing digital services at an acceptable internet speed. It further ordered U S WEST to develop a plan within 90 days that includes a cost-recovery schedule and that identifies the manner, time, cost, and resources required to provide digital telecommunications services to the complainant. Six additional service quality related complaints went to formal hearing in 1999 and are awaiting Commission decisions. Two other service quality complaints were filed but hearings have not yet been held.

1999 Activities

During the last quarter of 1999, the Commission received 518 formal and informal complaints of slamming against Online Services (OLS). The Commission found probable cause of an unlawful or unreasonable act, rate, practice or Commission to go forward with all of the formal complaints that were brought before the Commission in 1999. Hearings will be held in early 2000.

During the year, the Commission received 55 applications for certificates of authority from interexchange carriers, 6 applications from competitive local exchange carriers and 6 applications from carriers wanting to do both long distance and local. At year end 1999, South Dakota had 277 certified long distance providers, 39 certified competitive local exchange providers and 56 certified local exchange companies. The Commission issued 29 show cause orders to long distance companies for failure to file and pay the Commission gross receipts tax. Hearings are scheduled for early 2000.

Twenty-two formal interconnection agreements are in effect between U S WEST and new, competitive local exchange companies, including six wireless carriers. Only one interconnection agreement exists between two rural telecommunications companies. The Commission has arbitrated one interconnection agreement filed by AT&T Communications of the Midwest on November 20, 1996. On April 5, 1999, U S WEST appealed the Commission's decision in the U S WEST/AT&T arbitration to the United States District Court, Western Division. A decision is pending.

Since 1996, the Commission approved a number of negotiated agreements furthering the competitiveness of the state's telecommunications industry. These negotiated agreements included interconnection (9), interconnection and resale (2), service and resale (3), reciprocal compensation (1), reciprocal transportation and termination (4), interconnection, resale and unbundled elements (4), Type 1 paging (2), Type 2 wireless interconnection (2), and wireless Interconnection (3).

The Commission approved 20 switched access cost studies submitted by the Local Exchange Carriers Association (LECA) and some of its small independent, cooperative and municipal telephone company members.

The Commission implemented IntraLATA toll dialing parity effective July 22, 1999. The Commission received notice of the proposed U S WEST and Qwest merger but does not have approval authority over the merger. U S WEST has not filed its Section 271 application in South Dakota.

1999 Activities

TRANSPORTATION/WAREHOUSE

The transportation/warehouse division licensed and monitored 365 grain dealers and warehouses consisting of 243 Grain Storage Facilities, 39 Non-storage Facilities, 44 Truck Grain Dealers and 39 Grain Brokers. It also approved licenses and required bonding or insurance coverage for 24 General Storage Facilities. In addition, the division registered insurance and issued permits to 1,014 single state SSRS Federal Highway Authority (previously known as ICC) truckers and 2,434 Exempt commodity haulers.

The division has one part-time and two full-time inspectors who annually perform 300-400 general and special inspections on the grain warehouses and grain dealers. The inspectors also perform grain checkoff inspections for the SD Wheat Commission and the SD Soybean Council. These inspectors additionally work with the Motor Carrier Division of the SD Highway Patrol to examine truckers passing through the ports and weigh stations for proper authority and grain license truck decals.

There appears to be a trend developing involving moving away from stored grain toward Voluntary Credit Sales contracts. By doing this elevator facilities are able to free up grain for shipping, allowing the facilities to handle larger quantities of grain. This poses a risk for producers as the VCS contracts are not covered by the grain dealer or grain warehouse bonds. Therefore, the Commission is closely monitoring the financial health of all grain dealers within the state making sure producers are doing business with strong companies that will not default on these contracts.

Another trend concerning Voluntary Credit Sales contracts is the move from basic VCS contracts (Delayed Price, Deferred Payment) to more elaborate hybrid contracts. Due to this the contracts are becoming more complex and harder to understand. Additionally, the grain warehouse industry continues to change as evidenced by the 20 facilities that changed hands in 1999.

1999 Activities

YEAR 2000 PREPARATION

The Commission opened Docket MS98-001, to survey utility service providers about Year 2000 readiness. The initial survey was due October 1, 1998. To monitor the progress of the utilities' y2k efforts, each local service provider submitted three "Critical Checkpoint Cards." The first was due December 31, 1998, the second March 31, 1999, and the last one was due July 31, 1999. All utilities indicated their readiness for the y2k rollover which occurred without a hitch.

Fiscal Report for Year Ended June 30, 1999

| | BUDGET | ACTUAL EXPENDITURES | | ENCUMBRANCE | BALANCE |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| | | by fund group | | | |
| | | GENERAL FUNDS | OTHER FUNDS | | |
| ADMINISTRATION | | | | | |
| Personal Services | \$ 245,429 | 238,291 | 0 | 0 | 7,138 |
| Operating Expenses | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL PROGRAM | \$ 245,429 | 238,291 | 0 | 0 | 7,138 |
| TRANSPORTATION/WAREHOUSE | | | | | |
| Personal Services | \$ 215,287 | 134,624 | 71,574 | 0 | 9,089 |
| Operating Expenses | 45,054 | 58,731 | | 224 | (13,901) |
| TOTAL PROGRAM | \$ 274,341 | 193,355 | 71,574 | 224 | 9,188 |
| FIXED UTILITY (Informational Budget) | | | | | |
| Personal Services | \$ 965,221 | 0 | 773,460 | 0 | 191,761 |
| Operating Expenses | 441,430 | 0 | 209,048 | 57,711 | 174,671 |
| TOTAL PROGRAM | \$ 1,406,651 | 0 | 982,508 | 57,711 | 366,432 |
| FILING FEES (Informational Budget) | | | | | |
| Personal Services | \$ 0 | 0 | 82,031 | 0 | (82,031) |
| Operating Expenses | 284,991 | 0 | 58,363 | 0 | 226,628 |
| TOTAL PROGRAM | \$ 284,991 | 0 | 140,394 | 0 | 144,597 |
| PIPELINE SAFETY (Informational Budget) | | | | | |
| Personal Services | \$ 92,685 | 0 | 24,758 | 0 | 67,927 |
| Operating Expenses | 40,890 | 0 | 20,130 | 0 | 20,760 |
| TOTAL PROGRAM | \$ 133,575 | 0 | 44,888 | 0 | 88,687 |

Stmt of Transportation/Warehouse Revenue

| | |
|------------------------------|---------------------|
| ICC Registration | \$ 7,525 |
| Identification Stamps | 12,595 |
| SSRS Registrations | 1,008,525 |
| Bus Permits | 2,379 |
| Grain and Warehouse Licenses | 69,874 |
| Checkoff Audits | 2,660 |
| Interest Earned | 2584 |
| Total Revenue | \$ 1,106,142 |

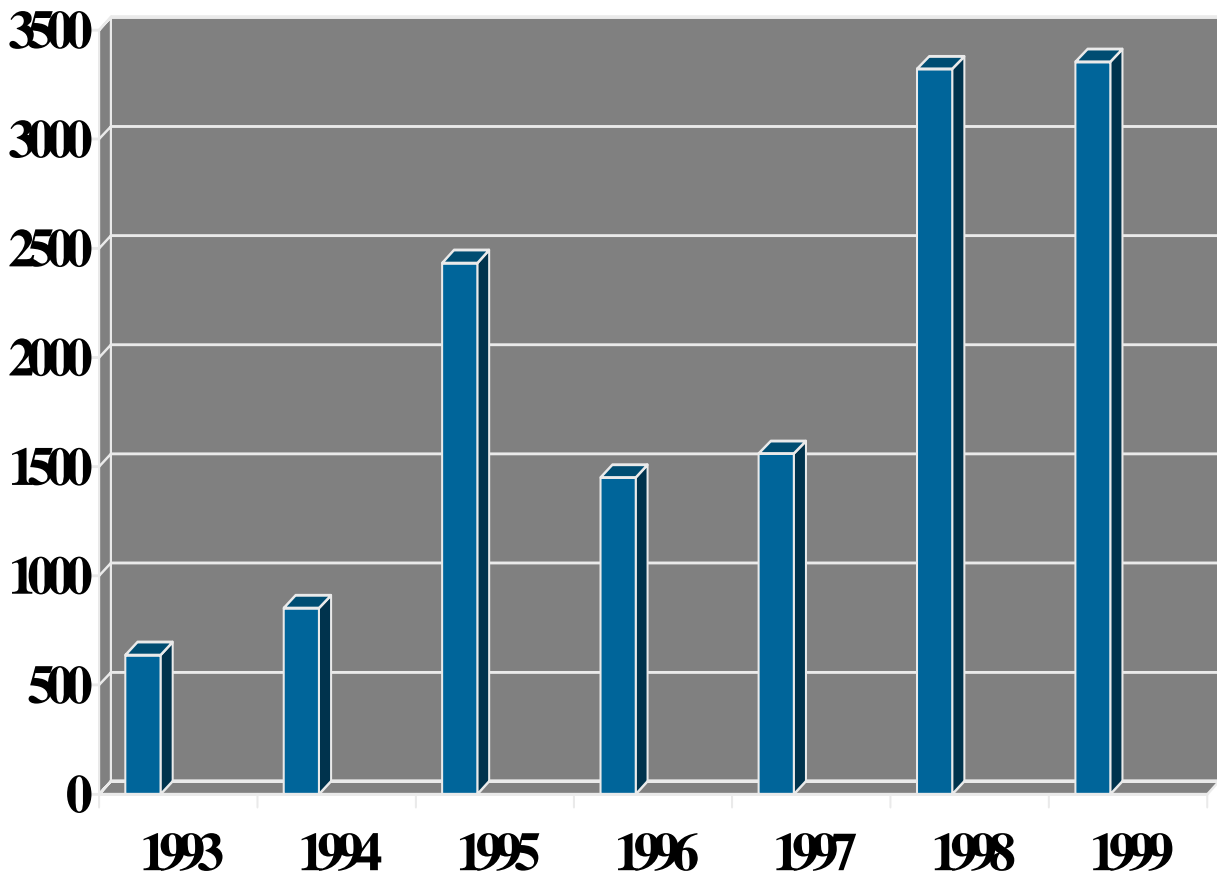
Gross Receipts Tax Fund Revenues

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|-------------------------------|----------------|
| Gross Receipts Tax | \$ 876,086 |
| Application Fees | 14,250 |
| Williston Basin Reimbursement | 0 |
| Interest Earned | 98,476 |
| TOTAL REVENUE | 988,812 |

The Gross Receipts Tax Fund Revenues fund entirely and exclusively the Commission's Fixed Utility Division.

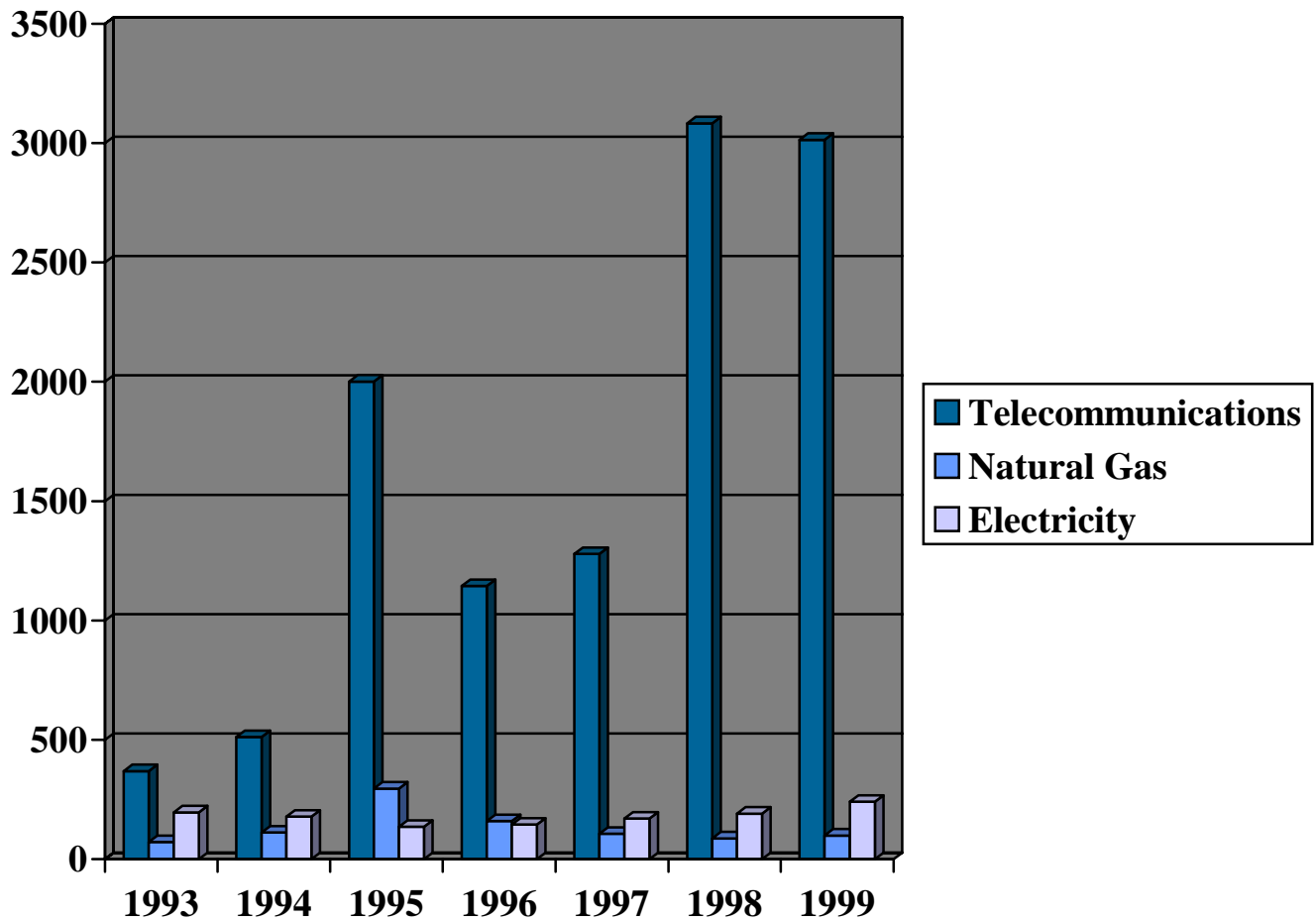
Consumer Affairs Division

Growth in Number of Contacts



Consumer Affairs Division

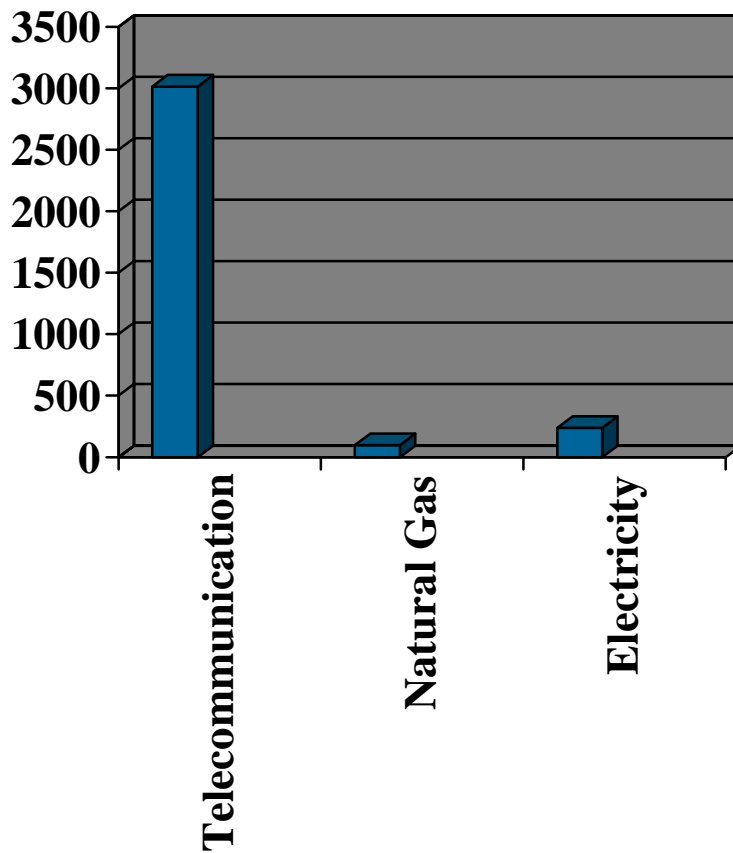
Consumer Contracts by Industry



Consumer Affairs Division

Total number of contacts received in 1999: 3354

- Number of contacts by utility type
 - telecommunications: 3014
 - natural gas: 99
 - electricity: 241



Consumer Affairs Division

Top Issues

Telecommunications

Slamming (unauthorized switching of service) – 933

Fluffing (raising rates without notice) - 266

Cramming (billing for unauthorized services) - 212

Billing – 139

Poor Service – 132

Dialing Parity – 130

Delayed Install – 119

Telemarketers – 74

Disconnect – 60

Fees – 57

Won't Disconnect – 49

Outages – 37

Electricity

Disconnection – 93

Billing – 24

Surcharge – 16

Deposit – 8

Meter error – 7

Delayed install – 6

Poor Service – 5

Rate Increase – 4

Outages – 4

Easements – 2

Natural Gas

Disconnection – 31

High Bill – 11

Rate Increase – 7

Poor Service – 3

Delayed Install – 2

Fuel Assist. – 2

Repairs – 2

Won't Disconnect – 2

1999 Docket Status Register

Telecommunications Dockets

- [TC99-001 -- In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of Transfer of Certificate of Authority from MIDCOM Communications, Inc. to WinStar Wireless, Inc.](#)
Docketed: 01/05/99 * Closed: 06/21/99
- [TC99-002 -- In the Matter of the Filing by U S WEST Communications, Inc. for Approval of Resale Agreement between U S WEST Communications, Inc. and Tel West Communications, L.L.C.](#)
Docketed: 01/06/99 * Closed: 08/26/99
- [TC99-003 -- In the Matter of the Filing by U S WEST Communications, Inc. for Approval of Resale Agreement between U S WEST Communications, Inc. and Topp Comm, Inc.](#)
Docketed: 01/06/99 * Closed: 06/22/99
- [TC99-004 -- In the Matter of the Application of Teleglobe USA Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Telecommunications Services in South Dakota](#)
Docketed: 01/07/99 * Closed: 04/14/99
- [TC99-005 -- In the Matter of the Sale of the Stock of Union Telephone Company and Armor Independent Telephone Company, Including its Wholly Owned Subsidiary Bridgewater-Canistota Independent Telephone Company to MJD Services Corp.](#)
Docketed: 01/13/99 * Closed: 03/18/99
- [TC99-006 - In the Matter of the Application of OneStar Long Distance, Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Telecommunications Services in South Dakota](#)
Docketed: 01/19/99 * Closed: 02/23/99
- [TC99-007 - In the Matter of the Filing by U S WEST Communications, Inc. for Approval of Negotiated/Arbitrated Terms of Agreement for Interconnection, Resale, and Unbundled Elements between CCCSD, Inc. dba Connect! and U S WEST Communications, Inc.](#)
Docketed: 01/21/99 * Closed: 08/26/99
- [TC99-008 - In the Matter of the Application of HJN Telecom, Inc. for an Amended Certificate of Authority to Provide Local Exchange Service in South Dakota](#)
Docketed: 01/22/99 * Closed: 06/26/99
- [TC99-009 - In the Matter of the Application of Maxxis Communications, Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Telecommunications Services in South Dakota](#)
Docketed: 01/26/99 * Closed: 05/18/99
- [TC99-010 - In the Matter of the Application of William's Communications, Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Telecommunications Services in South Dakota](#)

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- [TC99-011 - In the Matter of the Application of CenturyTel Long Distance, Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Telecommunications Services in South Dakota](#)
Docketed: 01/29/99 * Closed: 06/22/99
- [TC99-012 - In the Matter of the Application of Atlantic Telephone Company, Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Telecommunications Services in South Dakota](#)
Docketed: 02/02/99 * Closed: 03/15/99
- [TC99-013 - In the Matter of the Application of TRI-M Communications, Inc. dba TMC Communications for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Telecommunications Services in South Dakota](#)
Docketed: 02/03/99 * Closed: 03/15/99
- [TC99-014 - In the Matter of the Application to Transfer the Certificate of Authority from Speer Virtual Media, Ltd. to Speer Communications Virtual Media, Inc.](#)
Docketed: 02/10/99 * Closed: 05/05/99
- [TC99-015 - In the Matter of the Application of Level 3 Communications, LLC for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Telecommunications Services, Including Local Exchange Service, in South Dakota](#)
Docketed: 02/16/99 * Closed: 11/02/99
- [TC99-016 - In the Matter of the Application of GCC License Corporation for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Telecommunications Services in South Dakota](#)
Docketed: 02/19/99 * Closed: 06/25/99
- [TC99-017 - In the Matter of the Filing by U S WEST Communications, Inc. for Approval of an Interconnection Agreement between U S WEST Communications, Inc. and DIECA Communications, Inc. d/b/a Covad Communications Company](#)
Docketed: 02/22/99 * Closed: 11/18/99
- [TC99-018 - In the Matter of the Filing by U S WEST Communications, Inc. for Approval of Negotiated/Arbitrated Terms of Agreement for Interconnection, Resale and Unbundled Elements between Northern Valley Communications and U S WEST Communications, Inc.](#)
Docketed: 02/22/99 * Closed: 03/30/99
- [TC99-019 - In the Matter of the Application of GTC Telecom for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Telecommunications Services in South Dakota](#)
Docketed: 03/03/99 * Closed: 04/14/99

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- [TC99-020 - In the Matter of the Application of United States Advanced Network, Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Telecommunications Services in South Dakota](#)
Docketed: 03/05/99 * Closed: 04/14/99
- [TC99-021 - In the Matter of the Application of Promise-Net International, Ltd. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Telecommunications Services in South Dakota](#)
Docketed: 03/08/99 * Closed: 08/06/99
- [TC99-022 - In the Matter of the Application of Glyphics Communications, Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Telecommunications Services in South Dakota](#)
Docketed: 03/10/99 * Closed: 04/14/99
- [TC99-023 - In the Matter of the Filing by U S WEST Communications, Inc. for Approval of an Interconnection Agreement between Midco Communications, Inc. d.b.a Midcontinent Communications, Inc. and U S WEST Communications, Inc.](#)
Docketed: 03/16/99 * Closed: 05/05/99
- [TC99-024 - In the Matter of the Application of Legends Communications, Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Telecommunications Services in South Dakota](#)
Docketed: 03/18/99 * Closed: 05/18/99
- [TC99-025 - In the Matter of the Application of CCCSD, Inc. d/b/a Connect! for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Local Exchange Service in South Dakota](#)
Docketed: 03/22/99 * Closed: 08/26/99
- [TC99-026 - In the Matter of the Application to Transfer the Certificate of Authority from Black Hills Fibercom, Inc. to Black Hills FiberCom, L.L.C.](#)
Docketed: 03/25/99 * Closed: 05/05/99
- [TC99-027 - In the Matter of the Application of Concert Communications Sales LLC for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Telecommunications Services in South Dakota](#)
Docketed: 03/29/99 * Closed: 08/26/99
- [TC99-028 - In the Matter of the Application of Nor Communications, Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Telecommunications Services in South Dakota](#)
Docketed: 03/30/99 * Closed: 07/16/99
- [TC99-029 - In the Matter of the Filing by Golden West Communications, Inc. for Approval of Boundary Change](#)
Docketed: 03/30/99 * Closed: 05/05/99

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Telecommunications Dockets

- [TC99-030 - In the Matter of the FCC Order Establishing New Deadlines for Implementation of IntraLATA Dialing Parity by Local Exchange Carriers](#)
Docketed: 03/31/99 * Closed: 11/02/99
- [TC99-031 - In the Matter of the Filing by FiberComm, L.C. for an Exemption from Developing Company Specific Cost-Based Switched Access Rates](#)
Docketed: 04/01/99 * Closed: 06/25/99
- [TC99-032 - In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of an Interconnection Agreement between City of Hawarden and Heartland Telecommunications Company of Iowa](#)
Docketed: 04/01/99 * Closed: 05/18/99
- [TC99-033 - In the Matter of the Application of The Free Network, L.L.C. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Telecommunications Services in South Dakota](#)
Docketed: 04/02/99 * Closed: 05/18/99
- [TC99-034 - In the Matter of the Application of erbia Network, Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Telecommunications Services in South Dakota](#)
Docketed: 04/02/99 * Closed: 06/25/99
- [TC99-035 - In the Matter of the Application of Blackstone Communications Company for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Telecommunications Services in South Dakota](#)
Docketed: 04/07/99 * Closed: 06/22/99
- [TC99-036 - In the Matter of the Application of SouthNet TeleComm Services, Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Telecommunications Services in South Dakota](#)
Docketed: 04/13/99 * Closed: 05/18/99
- [TC99-037 - In the Matter of the Application of Long Distance America, Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Telecommunications Services in South Dakota](#)
Docketed: 04/15/99 * Closed: 06/25/99
- [TC99-038 - In the Matter of the Application of FON Digital Network, Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Telecommunications Services in South Dakota](#)
Docketed: 04/15/99 * Closed: 07/16/99
- [TC99-039 - In the Matter of the Application of Concert Communications Sales LLC for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Local Exchange Services in South Dakota](#)

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- [TC99-041 - In the Matter of the Filing by Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative and its Wholly Owned Subsidiary, Dickey Rural Communications, Inc. for Approval of Dialing Parity Implementation Plan and Petition for Suspension and Modification](#)
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- [TC99-042 - In the Matter of the Filing by Consolidated Telephone Cooperative and its Wholly Owned Subsidiary, Consolidated Telcom, Inc. formerly known as CTC Communications, Inc. for Approval of Petition for Suspension and Modification of Dialing Parity](#)
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- [TC99-046 - In the Matter of the Filing by Western Telephone Company for Approval of Dialing Parity Implementation Plan and Petition for Suspension and Modification of Dialing Parity](#)
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- [TC99-047 - In the Matter of the Filing by Beresford Municipal Telephone Company for Approval of Dialing Parity Implementation Plan and Petition for Suspension and Modification of Dialing Parity](#)
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- [TC99-052 - In the Matter of the Application of Columbia Telecommunications, Inc. d.b.a. aXessa for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Telecommunications Services in South Dakota](#)
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- [TC99-060 - In the Matter of the Application of Convergent Communications Services, Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Telecommunications Services in South Dakota](#)
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- [TC99-063 - In the Matter of the Establishment of Switched Access Revenue Requirement for Splitrock Telecom Cooperative, Inc.](#)
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- [CE99-002 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Rosalie Bury, Huron, South Dakota, against Northwestern Public Service Company Regarding Violation of Privacy and Refusal to Make Reasonable Payment Arrangement](#)
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- [CE99-003 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Thomas Thompson, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, against Northern States Power Company Regarding Poor Service](#)
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- [CE99-004 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by 72 Thomas, LLC, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, against Northern States Power Company Regarding Unauthorized Transfer of Account for Electrical Service](#)
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- [CT99-001 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Vince Wienk on behalf of All Star Travelers Inn, Spearfish, South Dakota, against AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. Regarding Access to Blocked Lines](#)
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- [CT99-002 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Randy Kieffer, Sturgis, South Dakota, against U S WEST Communications, Inc. Regarding Service Problems](#)
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- [CT99-005 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Nancy Manning and Elizabeth Frederick, Rapid City, South Dakota, against U S WEST Communications, Inc. and McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. Regarding the Inability to Provide Service](#)
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- [CT99-006 - In the Matter of the Complaint of Tele-Tech, Inc. and Long Line, Inc. of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Against U S West Communications, Inc. Concerning Overcharges for Telecommunications Services](#)
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- [CT99-007 - In the Matter of the Complaint Filed by Philip and Darlene Bestgen, White-wood, South Dakota, against U S WEST Communications, Inc. Regarding Lack of Easement for Facility Property](#)
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- [CT99-008 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Brady and Tiffiny Cramer, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, against MCI WorldCom Regarding Unauthorized Switching of Long Distance Service](#)
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- [CT99-010 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Lynnette Braun, Rapid City, South Dakota, against National Billing Exchange Special Services Regarding Unauthorized Switching of Services](#)
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- [CT99-011 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Dale C. Carstens, Brandon, South Dakota, against Sprint Communications Company L.P. Regarding Unauthorized Switching of Services](#)
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- [CT99-012 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Darwin Wolf, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, against Matrix Telecom, Inc. Regarding Unauthorized Switching of Services](#)
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- [CT99-013 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Ardell Nelson, Milbank/State Auto Insurance, Milbank, South Dakota, against U S Republic Communications Regarding Unauthorized Switching of Services](#)
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- [CT99-014 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Steve and Judy Haberling, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, against WorldCom Network Services, Inc. Regarding Unauthorized Switching of Services](#)
Docketed: 07/20/99 * Closed: 12/08/99
- [CT99-015 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by John and Roberta Lovald, Pierre, South Dakota, against Excel Telecommunications, Inc. Regarding Unauthorized Switching of Services](#)
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- [CT99-016 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by John and Roberta Lovald, Pierre, South Dakota, against Sprint Communications Company L.P. Regarding Unauthorized Switching of Services](#)
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- [CT99-018 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by John and Shirley Hatch, Pierre, South Dakota, against Qwest Communications, Inc. Regarding Unauthorized Billing for Services](#)
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- [CT99-019 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Ross R. Milliken, Belle Fourche, South Dakota, against U S WEST Communications, Inc. Regarding Poor Service](#)
Docketed: 07/28/99 * Closed: 08/26/99
- [CT99-020 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Fred Holpp, Rapid City, South Dakota, against U S WEST Communications, Inc. Regarding Failure to Provide Service](#)
Docketed: 07/29/99 * Closed: 11/04/99
- [CT99-021 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Bryan and Natalie Parks, Rapid City, South Dakota, against Western Telecom Regarding Unauthorized Billing for Services](#)
Docketed: 07/29/99 * Closed: 11/04/99
- [CT99-022 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Harry Harvison, Platte, South Dakota, against MCI WorldCom Regarding Unauthorized Billing for Services](#)
Docketed: 08/04/99 * Closed: 12/08/99
- [CT99-023 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Lou Schuelke on behalf of Lazy S Campground, Hill City, South Dakota, against U S WEST Communications, Inc. Regarding Poor Service and Request to have Lines Updated](#)
Docketed: 08/05/99 * Closed: 12/08/99
- [CT99-024 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Evelyn Weaver, Pierre, South Dakota, against Western Telecom Regarding Unauthorized Billing for Services](#)
Docketed: 08/05/99 * Closed: 11/15/99
- [CT99-025 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Jeanne Green, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, against U S WEST Communications, Inc. Regarding Excessive Repair Charges](#)
Docketed: 08/05/99 * Closed: 08/26/99
- [CT99-026 In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Judy Raker, Rapid City, South Dakota, against U S WEST Communications, Inc. Regarding Delayed Service](#)
Docketed: 08/05/99 * Pending

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- [CT99-027 In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Edward Peltz, Hill City, South Dakota, against U S WEST Communications, Inc. Regarding Poor Service and Request to have Lines Updated](#)
Docketed: 08/06/99 * Pending
- [CT99-028 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Hampton Inn/Super 8 Motel, North Sioux City, South Dakota, against U S WEST Communications, Inc. Regarding Delay of Service and Billing Problems](#)
Docketed: 08/09/99 * Closed: 12/21/99
- [CT99-029 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Maria R. Baus, Volin, South Dakota, against Excel Telecommunications, Inc. Regarding Unauthorized Switching of Services](#)
Docketed: 08/09/99 * Closed: 12/21/99
- [CT99-030 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Harry and Margaret Putnam, Rapid City, South Dakota, against Touchtone Communications Regarding Unauthorized Billing for Services](#)
Docketed: 08/10/99 * Closed: 11/04/99
- [CT99-031 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Douglas Holler, Pierpont, South Dakota, against MCI WorldCom Regarding Billing Errors](#)
Docketed: 08/11/99 * Pending
- [CT99-032 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by William and Eileen Reidy, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, against Sprint Communications Company L.P. Regarding Unauthorized Switching of Services](#)
Docketed: 08/11/99 * Closed: 11/18/99
- [CT99-033 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Susan Trudel, Webster, South Dakota, against MCI WorldCom Regarding Unauthorized Switching of Services](#)
Docketed: 08/11/99 * Closed: 12/08/99
- [CT99-034 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Rosella Lee, Arlington, South Dakota, against Western Telecom Regarding Unauthorized Billing for Services](#)
Docketed: 08/12/99 * Closed: 11/04/99
- [CT99-035 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Greg and Karen Muellerleile dba Dakota Woodworking, Watertown, South Dakota, against U S Republic Communications Regarding Unauthorized Switching of Services](#)
Docketed: 08/13/99 * Closed: 09/14/99

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- [CT99-036 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Brian and Renee D. Coley dba Cambridge Gallery/Sioux Glass and Door, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, against Preferred Billing Regarding Unauthorized Switching of Services](#)
Docketed: 08/16/99 * Closed: 12/08/99
- [CT99-037 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Lyle Tunheim, Andover, South Dakota, against MCI WorldCom Regarding Increase in Rates Without Notice](#)
Docketed: 08/23/99 * Closed: 12/08/99
- [CT99-038 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Loren A. Odland, Arlington, South Dakota, against Preferred Billing Regarding Unauthorized Switching of Services](#)
Docketed: 08/23/99 * Closed: 09/14/99
- [CT99-039 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Brad Clark Electric, Inc., Fort Pierre, South Dakota, against FirsTel, Inc. Regarding Unauthorized Billing for Services](#)
Docketed: 09/07/99 * Closed: 09/23/99
- [CT99-040 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Jane Ham, Custer, South Dakota, against Qwest Communications, Inc. Regarding Unauthorized Switching of Services](#)
Docketed: 09/17/99 * Closed: 12/21/99
- [CT99-041 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Donald Cook, Huron, South Dakota, against Budget Call Long Distance, Inc. Regarding Unauthorized Switching of Services](#)
Docketed: 09/28/99 * Pending
- [CT99-042 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Paula Muchow, Rapid City, South Dakota, against Creative Opportunity Regarding Unauthorized Billing for Services.](#)
Docketed: 10/04/99 * Closed: 12/21/99
- [CT99-043 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Kevin and Gayle Suing, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, against AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. Regarding Unauthorized Billing for Services.](#)
Docketed: 10/04/99 * Pending
- [CT99-044 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by William P. and Debra L. Lange, Rapid City, South Dakota, against America's Tele-Network Corp. Regarding Unauthorized Switching of Services.](#)
Docketed: 10/08/99 * Closed: 12/21/99
- [CT99-045 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by GSA, Inc., Rapid City, South Dakota, against Qwest Communications, Inc. Regarding Unauthorized Switching of Services.](#)

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- [CT99-046 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Shirley J. Noble, Rapid City, South Dakota, against Preferred Billing Regarding Unauthorized Billing for Services](#) ·
Docketed: 10/19/99 * Pending
- [CT99-047 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Marilyn L. Taylor, Fort Pierre, South Dakota, against AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. Regarding Billing Issues](#) ·
Docketed: 10/21/99 * Closed: 12/21/99
- [CT99-048 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by David and Lisa Neuharth, Fort Pierre, South Dakota, against Excel Telecommunications, Inc. Regarding Unauthorized Switching of Services](#) ·
Docketed: 10/25/99 * Pending
- [CT99-049 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Rod and Lynne Flint, Doland, South Dakota, against MCI WorldCom Regarding Unauthorized Switching of Services](#) ·
Docketed: 10/25/99 * Pending
- [CT99-050 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Lynda Sederstrom, Madison, South Dakota, against Sprint Communications Company L.P., Regarding Unauthorized Switching of Services](#) ·
Docketed: 10/26/99 * Pending
- [CT99-051 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Patrick L. Corbin, Rapid City, South Dakota, against U S WEST Communications, Inc. Regarding Delayed Installation of Telephone Service](#)
Docketed: 11/01/99 * Closed: 12/08/99
- [CT99-052 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Scott and Tami Jung, Aberdeen, South Dakota, against Qwest Communications, Inc. Regarding Unauthorized Switching of Services](#)
Docketed: 11/02/99 * Pending
- [CT99-053 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Storbeck Trucking, Inc., Huron, South Dakota, against Sprint Communications Company L.P. Regarding Unauthorized Switching of Services](#)
Docketed: 11/05/99 * Pending

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- [CT99-054 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Tom and Corliss Vergeldt, Aberdeen, South Dakota, against MCI WorldCom Regarding Switching Rates](#)
Docketed: 11/08/99 *Pending
- [CT99-055 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by L & M Land Management, Huron, South Dakota, against Accutel Communications, Inc. Regarding Unauthorized Switching of Services](#)
Docketed: 11/10/99 *Pending
- [CT99-056 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Rose Bertsch, Aberdeen, South Dakota, against WilTel, Inc. Regarding Unauthorized Switching of Services](#)
Docketed: 11/12/99 * Pending
- [CT99-057 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Wayne W. Crockett, Hartford, South Dakota, against AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. Regarding Unauthorized Switching of Services](#)
Docketed: 11/15/99 * Closed: 12/08/99
- [CT99-058 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Edith Johnson, Bryant, South Dakota, against MCI WorldCom Regarding Unauthorized Switching of Services](#)
Docketed: 11/17/99 * Pending
- [CT99-059 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Nancy Van Heerde, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, against The Furst Group Regarding Unauthorized Switching of Services](#)
Docketed: 11/18/99 * Closed: 12/08/99
- [CT99-060 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Rueben W. Hoffmann, Aberdeen, South Dakota, against OLS, Inc. Regarding Unauthorized Switching of Services](#)
Docketed: 11/19/99 * Pending
- [CT99-061 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Normajean Johnson, Vermillion, South Dakota, against OLS, Inc. Regarding Unauthorized Switching of Services](#)
Docketed: 11/22/99 * Closed: 12/21/99
- [CT99-062 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Marilyn Crompton, Aberdeen, South Dakota, against OLS, Inc. Regarding Unauthorized Switching of Services](#)
Docketed: 11/22/99 * Pending
- [CT99-063 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Allen and Joyce Beckler, Aberdeen, South Dakota, against OLS, Inc. Regarding Switching of Services through Deceptive Telemarketing Practices](#)

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- [CT99-064 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Janice Catron, Mitchell, South Dakota, against Qwest Communications, Inc. Regarding Unauthorized Switching of Services](#)
Docketed: 11/23/99 * Pending
- [CT99-065 In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Frank and Dorothy Vavra, Gregory, South Dakota, against Qwest Communications, Inc. Regarding Unauthorized Switching of Service](#)
Docketed: 11/23/99 * Pending
- [CT99-066 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Frank E. Daly, Aberdeen, South Dakota, against OLS, Inc. Regarding Switching Telecommunications Services Through Deceptive Tactics.](#)
Docketed: 12/01/99 * Pending
- [CT99-067 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Robert J. Ries and Treva Jean M. Ries, Watertown, South Dakota, against OLS, Inc. Regarding Switching Telecommunications Services Through Deceptive Tactics](#)
Docketed: 12/02/99 * Pending
- [CT99-068 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Mrs. Robert Binfet, Aberdeen, South Dakota, against OLS, Inc. Regarding Switching Telecommunications Services Through Deceptive Tactics](#)
Docketed: 12/08/99 * Pending
- [CT99-069 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Sandy Curran, Sisseton, South Dakota, against OLS, Inc. Regarding Switching Telecommunications Services Through Deceptive Tactics](#)
Docketed: 12/08/99 * Pending
- [CT99-070 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Christa Hansen, Aberdeen, South Dakota, against OLS, Inc. Regarding Switching Telecommunications Services Through Deceptive Tactics](#)
Docketed: 12/09/99 * Pending
- [CT99-071 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Donald D. Wynia, Tyndall, South Dakota, against Opex Communications, also doing business as Cognigen Regarding Faulty Billing Practices](#)
Docketed: 12/09/99 * Pending

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- [CT99-072 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Sun Gold Trophies, Mitchell, South Dakota, against Midco Communications, Inc. d/b/a Midcontinent Communications, Inc. and MCI WorldCom Regarding Poor Service](#)
Docketed: 12/10/99 * Pending
- [CT99-073 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Harlan L. Hammer, Sisseton, South Dakota, against OLS, Inc. Regarding Switching Telecommunications Services Through Deceptive Tactics](#)
Docketed: 12/10/99 * Pending
- [CT99-074 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Darrell Finwall, Aberdeen, South Dakota, against OLS, Inc. Regarding Switching Telecommunications Services Through Deceptive Tactics](#)
Docketed: 12/10/99 * Pending
- [CT99-075 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Jeanette Hansen, Yankton, South Dakota, against OLS, Inc. Regarding Switching Telecommunications Services Through Deceptive Tactics](#)
Docketed: 12/14/99 * Pending
- [CT99-076 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Richard L. Dixon, DeSmet, South Dakota, against Telephone Billing Services and RTR Consultants Regarding Unauthorized Switching of Services](#)
Docketed: 12/14/99 * Pending
- [CT99-077 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Hazel Matteson, Watertown, South Dakota, against OLS, Inc. Regarding Switching Telecommunications Services Through Deceptive Tactics](#)
Docketed: 12/14/99 * Pending
- [CT99-078 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Ruth Wilcox, Watertown, South Dakota, against OLS, Inc. Regarding Switching Telecommunications Services Through Deceptive Tactics](#)
Docketed: 12/14/99 * Pending
- [CT99-079 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Mary E. Bowen, Watertown, South Dakota, against OLS, Inc. Regarding Switching Telecommunications Services Through Deceptive Tactics](#)
Docketed: 12/14/99 * Pending

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- [CT99-080 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Keith Enstad, Watertown, South Dakota, against OLS, Inc. Regarding Switching Telecommunications Services Through Deceptive Tactics](#)
Docketed: 12/15/99 * Pending
- [CT99-081 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Myrna Mork, Pierpont, South Dakota, against One Star Long Distance, Inc. Regarding Unauthorized Switching of Services](#)
Docketed: 12/16/99 * Pending
- [CT99-082 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Glenn and Delores Beutow, Watertown, South Dakota, against OLS, Inc. Regarding Switching Telecommunications Services Through Deceptive Tactics](#)
Docketed: 12/17/99 * Pending
- [CT99-083 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Rodney Mick on behalf of Farmers Union Coop Elevator, Kennebec, South Dakota, against U S Republic Communications, Inc. Regarding Unauthorized Switching of Services](#)
Docketed: 12/17/99 * Pending
- [CT99-084 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Rodney Mick on behalf of Farmers Union Coop Elevator, Kennebec, South Dakota, against Preferred Billing Regarding Unauthorized Switching of Services](#)
Docketed: 12/17/99 * Pending
- [CT99-085 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Lela O. Wiese, Madison, South Dakota, against OLS, Inc. Regarding Switching Telecommunications Services Through Deceptive Tactics](#)
Docketed: 12/20/99 * Pending
- [CT99-086 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Carol Bullene, Watertown, South Dakota, against OLS, Inc. Regarding Switching Telecommunications Services Through Deceptive Tactics](#)
Docketed: 12/20/99 * Pending
- [CT99-087 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Jerry Ogan on behalf of Ogan Construction, Blunt, South Dakota, against Sprint Communications Company L.P. Regarding Unauthorized Switching of Services](#)
Docketed: 12/20/99 * Pending

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- [CT99-088 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Tim Sachtjen, Pierre, South Dakota, against Qwest Communications, Inc. Regarding Billing Issues](#)
Docketed: 12/22/99 * Pending
- [CT99-089 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Kenneth Erickson, Watertown, South Dakota, against WiTel, Inc. and OLS, Inc. Regarding Unauthorized Switching of Services](#)
Docketed: 12/23/99 * Pending
- [CT99-090 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by James Melgaard, Pierre, South Dakota, against U S WEST Communications, Inc. and Sprint Communications Company L.P. Regarding Unauthorized Switching of Services](#)
Docketed: 12/23/99 * Pending

Electric Dockets

- [EL99-001 -- In the Matter of the Filing by Black Hills Power and Light Company for Approval of New General Service Large - Optional Combined Account Billing Rate Schedule](#)
Docketed: 01/14/99 * Closed: 03/15/99
- [EL99-002 - In the Matter of the Filing by Big Stone City, South Dakota and Whetstone Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. for Approval of Electrical Service Area Boundaries](#)
Docketed: 01/25/99 * Closed: 02/26/99
- [EL99-003 - In the Matter of the Joint Request of Otter Tail Power Company and Sioux Valley Southwestern Electric Cooperative for the Transfer of Rights and Property Pursuant to SDCL 49-34A-55](#)
Docketed: 02/19/99 * Closed: 03/15/99
- [EL99-004 - In the Matter of the Filing by MidAmerican Energy Company for Approval of a New Street Lighting Service](#)
Docketed: 04/21/99 * Closed: 06/22/99
- [EL99-005 - In the Matter of the Filing by Black Hills Power and Light Company for Approval of a Contract with Deviations with South Dakota State Cement Plant Commission d/b/a Dacotah Cement](#)
Docketed: 04/26/99 * Closed: 06/25/99

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- [EL99-006 - In the Matter of the Application of Black Hills Corporation for an Order Authorizing the Issuance of Stock Options under Black Hills Corporation 1999 Stock Option Plan](#)
Docketed: 05/05/99 * Closed: 06/22/99
- [EL99-007 - In the Matter of the Filing by Black Hills Power and Light Company for Approval of its 1998 Economic Development Plan Annual Report and 1999 Economic Development Plan](#)
Docketed: 05/05/99 * Closed: 08/06/99
- [EL99-008 - In the Matter of the Filing by the City of Watertown, South Dakota, for Approval to Modify Assigned Service Area between Codington Clark Electric Cooperative and the City of Watertown, South Dakota](#)
Docketed: 05/21/99 * Closed: 07/16/99
- [EL99-009 - In the Matter of the Filing by Northern States Power Company for Approval of its 1998 Economic Development Report and 1999 Economic Development Plan](#)
Docketed: 05/24/99 * Closed: 08/06/99
- [EL99-010 - In the Matter of the Petition for Declaratory Ruling by the Mayor of the City of Flandreau on Whether a Proposed Transmission Line Meets the Definition of SDCL 49-41B-2.1](#)
Docketed: 05/19/99 * Closed: 06/25/99
- [EL99-011 - In the Matter of the Filing by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. for Approval of Revised Power Purchase Tariffs Rates 95, 96 and 97](#)
Docketed: 06/01/99 * Closed: 06/25/99
- [EL99-012 - In the Matter of the Filing by Otter Tail Power Company for Approval of Electric Service Agreement for the Supply of Bulk Interruptible Power between Otter Tail Power Company and Valley Queen Cheese Factory, Inc.](#)
Docketed: 06/25/99 * Pending
- [EL99-013 - In the Matter of the Filing by Lincoln-Union Electric Company for Approval of Exception to Service on Assigned Areas Consent and Agreement between Lincoln-Union Electric Company and Northern States Power Company](#)
Docketed: 07/02/99 * Closed: 08/26/99
- [EL99-014 - In the Matter of the Filing by MidAmerican Energy Company for Approval of Tariff Revisions](#)

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- [EL99-015 - In the Matter of the Filing by Black Hills Power and Light Company for Approval of Sample Form Tariff Revisions](#)
Docketed: 08/30/99 * Closed: 10/20/99
- [EL99-016 - In the Matter of the Filing by Otter Tail Power Company for Approval of Energy-Only Lighting Tariff](#)
Docketed: 09/20/99 * Pending
- [EL99-017 - In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of Changes to Assigned Service Areas of Intercounty Electric Association, Inc. and Tri-County Electric Association, Inc.](#)
Docketed: 11/09/99 * Closed: 12/08/99
- [EL99-018 - In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of Changes to Assigned Service Areas of Lincoln-Union Electric Company and Turner-Hutchinson Electric Cooperative, Inc.](#)
Docketed: 11/09/99 * Closed: 12/08/99
- [EL99-019 -- In the Matter of the One-Time Special Underground Assessment By Northern States Power Company in Sioux Falls, South Dakota](#)
Docketed: 11/16/99 * Pending
- [EL99-020 - In the Matter of the Filing by MidAmerican Energy Company for Approval of Tariff Revisions](#)
Docketed: 12/17/99 * Pending
- [EL99-021 - In the Matter of the Petition filed by Northern States Power Company for Approval of the Inclusion of Financial Incentives in its Fuel Clause](#)
Docketed: 12/23/99 * Pending

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Gas & Electric Dockets

- [GE99-001 - In the Matter of the Filing by MidAmerican Energy Company for Approval of Revisions to Sample Form Tariffs](#)
Docketed: 02/09/99 * Closed: 10/29/99
- [GE99-002 - In the Matter of the Filing by Northwestern Public Service Company for Approval to Add Language to its Customers' Bills](#)
Docketed: 01/12/99 * Closed: 05/05/99
- [GE99-003 In the Matter of the Filing by MidAmerican Energy Company for Approval of Revised Residential and Commercial Informational Pamphlets](#)
Docketed: 05/21/99 * Closed: 06/22/99
- [GE99-004 In the Matter of the Filing by Northwestern Public Service for Approval of Revised Customer Information Handbook](#)
Docketed: 06/01/99 * Closed: 08/06/99

Grain Dealer Dockets

- [GD99-001 - In the Matter of the Receivership of Grain Dealer Bonds of Britton Durum Corporation](#)
Docketed: 01/22/99 * Closed: 08/26/99

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Natural Gas Dockets

- [NG99-001 - In the Matter of the Filing by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc. for Approval of Gas Extension Policy Rate 120](#)
Docketed: 02/01/99 * Closed: 06/25/99
- [NG99-002 - In the Matter of the Application of Northwestern Public Service for Authority to Increase Rates for Natural Gas Service](#)
Docketed: 06/01/99 * Pending
- [NG99-003 - In the Matter of the Filing by MidAmerican Energy Company for Approval of Tariff Revisions](#)
Docketed: 08/09/99 * Closed: 09/14/99
- [NG99-004 - In the Matter of the Filing by Northwestern Public Service for Approval of Contract with Deviations with Dakota Ethanol - Lake Area Corn Processors](#)
Docketed: 08/24/99 * Closed: 12/21/99
- [NG99-005 - In the Matter of the Filing by Northwestern Public Service for Approval of Tariff Revisions](#)
Docketed: 08/24/99 * Closed: 09/23/99
- [NG99-006 - In the Matter of the Filing by MidAmerican Energy Company for Approval of Natural Gas Optional Off Peak Firm Service Rider](#)
Docketed: 09/20/99 * Closed: 11/15/99
- [NG99-007 In the Matter of the Filing by NorthWestern Public Service Company for Approval of Refund Plan Relating to Rate Case Refunds Received from Northern Natural Gas Company](#)
Docketed: 10/08/99 * Closed: 12/08/99
- [NG99-008 - In the Matter of the Filing by MidAmerican Energy Company for Approval of a Contract with Deviations with the University of South Dakota](#)
Docketed: 11/08/99 * Closed: 11/18/99
- [NG99-009 - In the Matter of the Filing by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. for Approval of a Waiver from Section 4\(a\) of the PGA Tariff Rates 88 and 89, which Specifies that the Surcharge Adjustment is Effective May 1 of Each Year](#)
Docketed: 11/12/99 * Closed: 12/08/99
- [NG99-010 - In the Matter of the Filing by MidAmerican Energy Company for Approval of its 1999 Economic Development Report and its 2000 Economic Development Plan](#)
Docketed: 12/29/99 * Pending

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Rulemaking Dockets

- [RM99-001 -- In the Matter of the Establishment of Revised Telecommunications Rules](#)
Docketed: 04/08/99 * Closed: 07/08/99
- [RM99-002 -- In the Matter of the Establishment of Revised Rules](#)
Docketed: 11/03/99 * Pending

Legislative Action

SB 36 The Commission introduced this legislation to allow the Commission to measure grain at the request of the operator of a public grain warehouse. The bill was signed into law.

SB 37 The Commission introduced this legislation to update references to certain federal regulations regarding the pipeline safety inspection program. The bill was signed by the Governor.

SB 144 This bill sought to revise the definition of basic local exchange service for the purpose of regulating telecommunications services. The bill would have added language to limit local exchange service to voice grade service. The bill was tabled in the Senate State Affairs.

SB 149 This legislation required the establishment of a cost recovery method for telecommunications companies to recover the cost of certain mandated services. Any order by an agency which requires the provision of telecommunications services in excess of voice grade local exchange service must establish a cost recovery mechanism to recover the cost of the investment in a period not to exceed ten years. The bill was signed into law.

SB 151 This legislation amended a current statute which capped local exchange rates and required that if rates were lowered the rates may not be subsequently increased. The amendment excluded promotions that last ninety days or less. The bill was signed by the Governor.

SB 154 This bill amended a current statute and limited the Commission's ability to comply with the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. The legislation was tabled in Senate State Affairs.

SB 238 This legislation strengthened the Commission's ability to combat slamming and cramming. It requires a company that changes a subscriber's designated telecommunications company without authorization or bills for unauthorized services to pay the subscriber \$1000. The legislation also increased the Commission's fining authority. The bill was signed into law.

SB 239 This legislation repealed SDCL 49-31-62 through 49-31-68, inclusive, which concerned the deployment of narrowband, wideband, and broadband networks. The bill was signed by the Governor.

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HB 1037 This bill increased the types of motor carriers eligible for single trip permits. The bill was signed into law.

HB 1095 This bill revised ARSD 20:10:32:07 by adding the following sentence: "The preservation and advancement of universal service shall be a primary concern." The bill was signed by the Governor.

HB 1108 This legislation allows electric and gas utilities to remove or alter vegetation or other material if the removal or alteration is reasonably necessary for the repair, use, operation, or maintenance of a utility's electric or gas lines. The legislation was signed by the Governor.

Court Action

CHEYENNE RIVER SIOUX TRIBE TELEPHONE AUTHORITY AND U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS v. PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION, CIV. 95-288

U S WEST Communications, Inc. (U S WEST) filed an appeal in Circuit Court of the Commission's decision that disapproved of the sale of the U S WEST exchanges of Timber Lake, McIntosh, and Morrystown to the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority (CRSTTA). CRSTTA was granted intervention in the appeal. The issues in the appeal were as follows: (1) whether the Commission has jurisdiction over the sale of the three exchanges to CRSTTA; (2) whether the application of SDCL 49-31-59 to the proposed sales violates equal protection rights; (3) whether the application of SDCL 49-31-59 to the proposed sales is an unconstitutional impairment of contract; (4) whether the proposed sales would result in an improper delegation of authority under SDCL 49-1-17; and (5) whether the Commission's findings that the sales would result in the loss of significant tax revenue for the cities, counties, and school districts are clearly erroneous. The Circuit Court remanded the decisions to the Commission which then entered its decisions on remand. The decisions were appealed a second time to the Circuit Court. The Commission's decisions were affirmed. The decisions were appealed to the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court affirmed the Commission's decisions denying the sale of the three exchanges to CRSTTA.

CHEYENNE RIVER SIOUX TRIBE TELEPHONE AUTHORITY v. PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION, ET AL., CIV. 95-3035

On October 27, 1995, the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority (CRSTTA) filed a civil action in the United States District Court seeking declaratory, injunctive, and 1983 relief against the Public Utilities Commission and the Commissioners concerning their decision to deny the sale of the U S WEST exchanges of McIntosh, Timber Lake, and Morrystown to CRSTTA. The Commission's answer to the complaint was served on December 12, 1995. The action was dismissed without prejudice on January 23, 1999.

IOWA UTILITIES BOARD, ET AL. v. FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION, No. 96-3321 and Consolidated Cases

The Commission, along with numerous other state commissions and telecommunications companies, filed an appeal with the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals of the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) rules interpreting the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (federal Act). The Commission, along with three other state commissions, also filed for a stay of the FCC's pricing rules. The Eighth Circuit granted the stay on October 15, 1996.

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The state commissions' issue was whether the FCC exceeded its jurisdictional authority when it promulgated rules regarding the methodologies to be used in the pricing of network elements and services necessary to provide competitive local exchange service. The state commissions contended that the federal Act left the pricing of network elements and services to the state commissions, not the FCC. On July 18, 1997, the Eighth Circuit ruled that the FCC exceeded its jurisdictional authority when it promulgated the pricing rules. The decision was appealed to the U. S. Supreme Court. The Supreme Court reversed the Eighth Circuit on a number of issues including the issue of whether the FCC exceeded its jurisdictional authority by issuing rules regarding pricing methodologies. The case was remanded back to the Eighth Circuit.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES FOR U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., CIV. 97-462

On June 24, 1996 U S WEST filed for approval by the Commission of its 1995 switched access cost study and the resulting switched access rates. The matter was the subject of two administrative hearings, one in October 1996 and another in September 1997. The Commission's decision was appealed to the Sixth Judicial Circuit Court twice and remanded twice. Upon the last remand, the Commission entered its decision and that was appealed by U S WEST. The parties stipulated to submitting the matter for a third time to the Court upon written briefs. The Circuit Court affirmed the Commission's decision. The case is currently before the Supreme Court.

TED MATHEWS v. ST. PAUL MERCURY INSURANCE COMPANY, SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION, INTERVENOR, CIV. 98-0857

On December 23, 1998, the Commission sought intervention in this action for purposes of being appointed a receiver of certain grain dealer bond proceeds and to determine claims to those proceeds. The grain dealer is Britton Durum Corporation, Britton, SD. On December 31, 1998, the Circuit Court appointed the Commission as a receiver. A hearing on the claims was held on February 18, 1999, in Aberdeen, SD and a second hearing was held on May 4, 1999, in Pierre, SD. The Commission issued a proposed order on May 20, 1999. The Circuit Court approved the proposed order and the case was dismissed in November of 1999 .

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CLAY-UNION ELECTRIC CORPORATION v. THE CITY OF VERMILLION AND S. D. PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION, CIV. 98-47

On October 20, 1997, the city of Vermillion filed an Application for Determination of Purchase Price of Electric Facilities in Annexed Areas. The Commission issued an Order to Show Cause on February 24, 1998. Clay-Union sought an Order to Stay Proceedings and an Action for Declaratory Judgment in the First Judicial Circuit. The stay was denied and the parties agreed to an indefinite continuance to allow them to proceed with an orderly exchange of service territory and property. The parties filed a Stipulation and Agreement with the Commission on June 30, 1998. On August 5, 1998, the Commission enter its Order Approving Stipulation and Closing Docket. Clay- Union alleges in its Action for Declaratory Judgment that the statutory provisions of SDCL 49-34A are unconstitutional. The issues were briefed by the parties.

U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. v. JAMES A. BURG, PAM NELSON, LASKA SCHOENFELDER, COMMISSIONERS OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION AND AT&T COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MIDWEST, INC.

U S WEST filed a complaint against the Commissioners and AT&T in federal district court on April 6, 1999. U S WEST appealed a number of issues the Commission had decided in its AT&T/U S WEST arbitration decision. In that decision, the Commission ruled on the issues AT&T and U S WEST had been unable to resolve regarding their interconnection agreement. The Commission filed a Motion to Dismiss, based primarily on jurisdictional grounds, which was denied. The parties then briefed the issues raised by U S WEST.