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DOCKET NO.

In the Matter of _____

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY
GOLDEN WEST COMMUNICATIONS,
INC. FOR APPROVAL OF BOUNDARY
CHANGE**

Public Utilities Commission of the State of South Dakota

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**GOLDEN WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.**

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March 29, 1999

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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION

Mr. Harlan Best
C/o SD Public Utilities Commission
State Capitol Building
500 East Capitol
Pierre, SD 57501

Dear Mr. Best:

We have a request from a developer to change slightly the boundary between the Custer SD exchange (served by Vivian Telephone Co. d.b.a. Golden West Communications) and the Hot Springs Exchange served by Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative. This change would bring all of the developer's territory into the Custer exchange. Both the Coop board and Vivian's board have approved the boundary change pursuant to P.U.C. approval.

I am enclosing a copy of the board minutes showing the motion to make the boundary change. The motion shows the land description of the proposed change and I have also included a small map outlining the area and new boundary.

We are asking for Commission approval of this boundary change. Please let me know what I can do to assist this process at the Commission level and if any further documents are required on Golden West's part. Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Yours Truly,
Golden West Communications, Inc.

George Strandell
District Manager

Cc: Jack Brown
Encl.

VIVIAN TELEPHONE COMPANY
Wall, South Dakota

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Vivian Telephone Company, was held March 11, 1999, at 10 a.m. at Golden West Telecommunications headquarters' office in Wall, South Dakota.

ATTENDANCE

Richard Kjartstad - President	Rodney Renner - Treasurer
Duane Wood - Vice President	Wayne Livemont - Secretary
Robert Fronck - Director	Sonny Zickrick - Director
Harold Wyatt - Director	Robert Hansen - Director
Richard Hagen - Director	Dale Guphill - Director
Lee Briggs - Director	Richard Baye - Director
Wayne Merrill - Director	

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE Jack Brown, George Strandell, Brian Meyer, Dwight Platt, Shari Onda, Gwen Davis, Greg Goddicksen, Greg Oleson, Tim Meiners, and Galen Boyd.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the agenda as amended, with the addition to new business, "SDATC-SDITC Merger."

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the December 29, 1998 board meeting be approved as submitted. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL

1. It was moved and seconded that the disbursements be approved as submitted. Motion carried.
2. Write offs: It was moved and seconded that the bad debts be written off and turned over for collection. Motion carried.
3. Financials: It was moved and seconded that the financial reports be received and filed. Motion carried.
4. Capital additions were discussed.

OPERATIONAL UPDATE George Strandell discussed a development project near Custer. A motion was made that the boundaries be changed between Custer and Hot Springs to bring this development into Custer. Motion carried. The motion read: "In order to include all of the Loose Star Subdivision in the Custer, South Dakota exchange, Vivian Telephone Company agrees to move the South exchange boundary South 1/4 Mile in Sections 7 & 8, Township 6S, Range 4E, in Custer County. This motion is pursuant to similar agreement of Golden West Telecom Cooperative and approval of this change by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission."

GOLDEN WEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE, INC.
Wall, South Dakota

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc., was held March 12, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. at the Headquarters Building in Wall, South Dakota.

ATTENDANCE

Richard Baye - President	Rodney Renner - Director
Duane Wood - Vice President	Robert Fronck - Director
Kenneth Zickrick, Jr. - Secretary	Robert Hansen - Director
Dale Guphill - Treasurer	Wayne Livermont - Director
Harold Wyatt, Director	Lee Briggs - Director
Wayne Merrill - Director	Richard Hagen - Director

ABSENT

Richard Kjerstad

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE Jack Brown, Dwight Flat, Clark Mortensen, Tim Fast, Greg Godficksen, Gwen Davis, George Strandell, Greg Oleson, Shari Ochs, Galen Boyd, Brian Meyer, Kathy Swan, and Tim Dupic.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING A motion was made by Mr. Guphill, seconded by Mr. Briggs, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as submitted by mail to each director.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the agenda, with the following addition: Old Business: SDITC - SDATC Merger.

DISBURSEMENTS A review was made of disbursements for the month of January, 1999. General Fund Disbursements: Wall Account - Check No. 67505 - 67865; Hot Springs Account - Check No. 16895 - 16974; Payroll Disbursements: Wall Account - Check No. 7736 - 7914; Construction Fund Special Account Disbursements Check No. 937. After reviews, a motion was made by Mr. Livermont, seconded by Mr. Briggs, and unanimously carried to approve the disbursements.

MEMBERSHIP TRANSACTIONS The Chairman stated that a list of memberships for approval would be considered at this time. Thereafter, a list of persons requesting membership in the Cooperative and those who had requested disconnects were presented. After approval of the requests for membership, the following resolution was adopted on a motion made by Mr. Merrill, seconded by Mr. Guphill, and unanimously carried.

RESOLVED WHEREAS, the persons named on the attached list have applied for membership in the Cooperative, and have agreed to receive service as per membership requirements contained in the Bylaws, said persons are hereby declared members.

POLICY CHANGES A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the policy changes.

1999 BUDGET A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the budget.

BOUNDARY CHANGE A motion was made, seconded, and carried that: "In order to include all of the Lone Star Subdivision in the Custer, South Dakota exchange, Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc., agrees to move the South exchange boundary South ¼ mile in Sections 7 & 8, Township 6S, Range 4E, in Custer County. This motion is pursuant to similar agreement of Vivian Telephone Company and approval of this change by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission."

ISDN RATES A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the ISDN rate as presented.

VEHICLE BIDS A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the following bids:

1989 Chevrolet	Don Doyle for \$ 4,260
1990 Chevrolet	Lawrence Schreiber for \$ 6,276
1994 Ford	Earl Eliason for \$ 5,775

The rest are rejected and put up for sale at a price established by Staff.

EDUCATION FUND A motion was made, seconded and carried to amend the education fund to 1% versus 3% on operating expenses less interest.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND A motion was made, seconded, and carried to adopt a scholarship of \$1,000 for each high school in the GWTC service area, Vivian Telephone, Kadoka, and Faith. Jack is to oversee establishing the criteria.

DONATION A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve sponsorship of a saddle for SDRA.

NTCA LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE NTCA Legislative Conference is April 14-18.

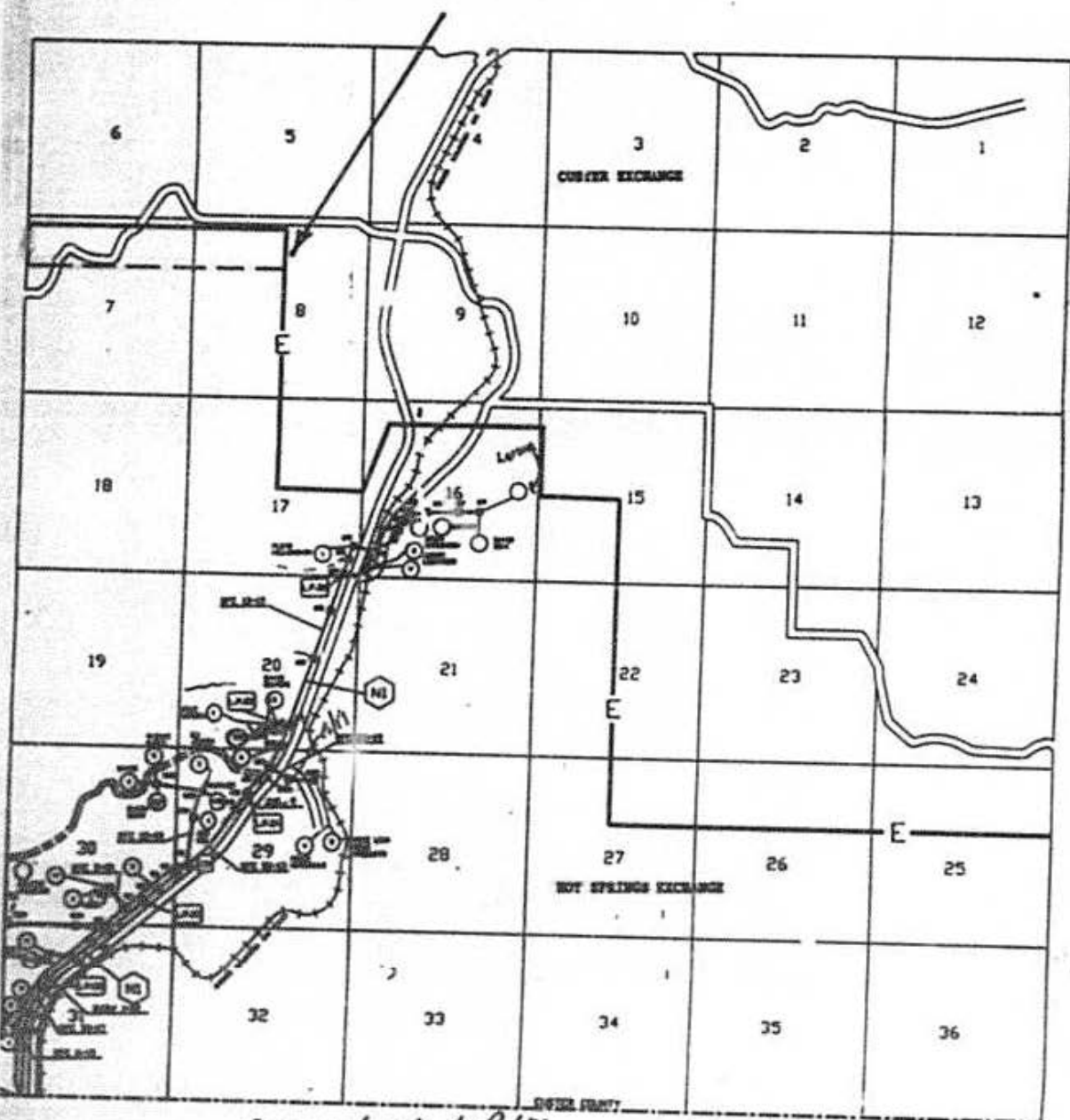
JACKETS A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the jacket purchases.

NEXT MEETING Golden West Telecommunications: April 1, 1999

ADJOURNMENT There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned.

Kenneth Zickrick, Jr.
Secretary

PROPOSED BOUNDARY CHANGE



Proposed from 2/19 to 2/12

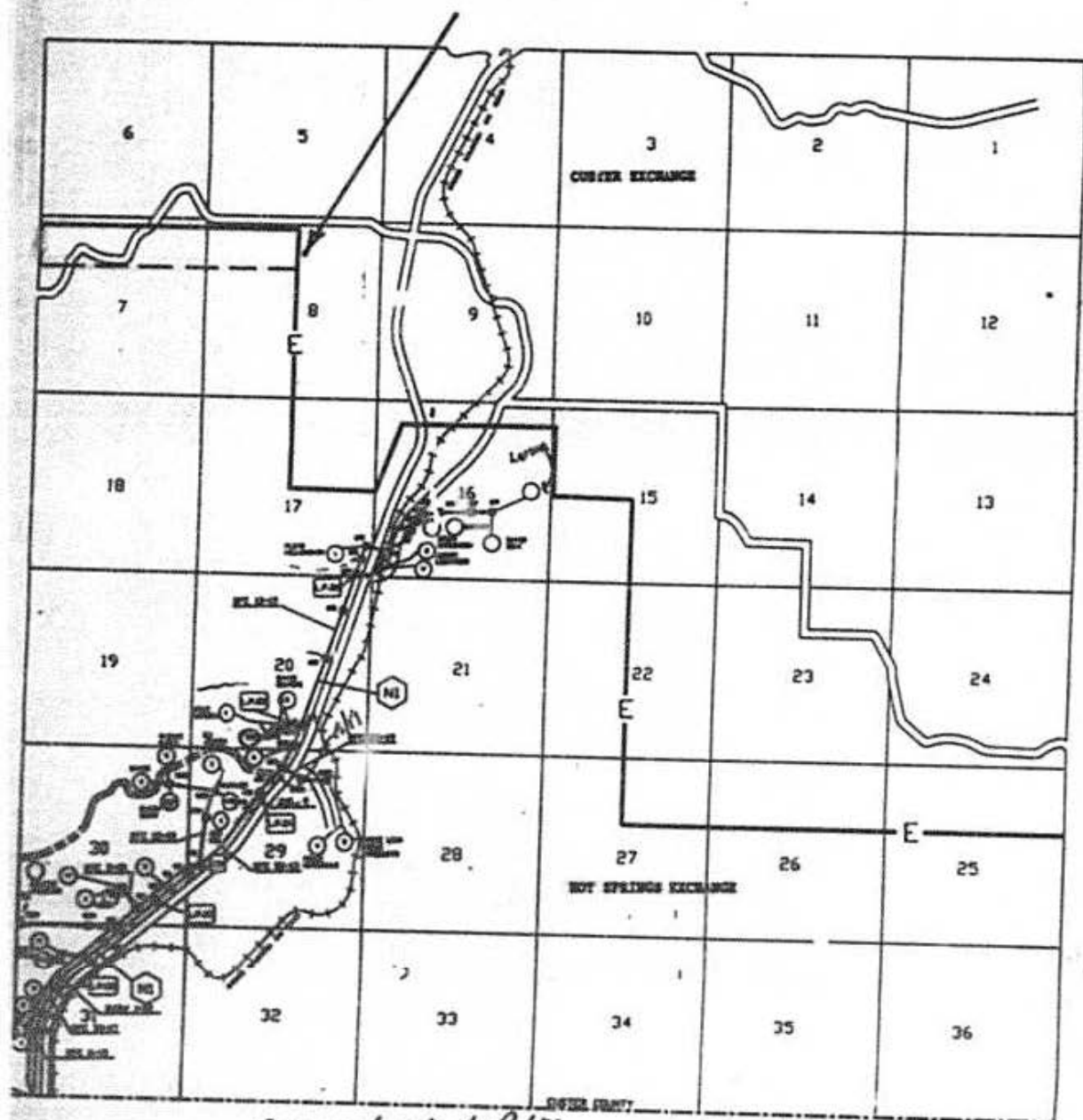
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THE GOLDEN VEST COMPANY, INC.
210 2ND ST.
S.W., GOLDEN, COLORADO

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PROPOSED BOUNDARY CHANGES



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South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
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CONSUMER COMPLAINTS

CT99-002 In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Randy Kieffer, Sturgis, South Dakota, against U S WEST Communications Regarding Poor Service.

The Complainant claims that he and his neighbors have poor telecommunications service. The Complainant states that "The service we are receiving from U S West is a joke and U S West needs to get serious about providing service." The Complainant seeks the following relief: "PUC should fine them \$4000 a day."

Staff Attorney: Camron Hoseck

Consumer Affairs: Leni Healy

Date Filed: 03/19/99

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

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.

Black Hills Fibercom, Inc. has filed with the Public Utilities Commission an application to transfer its Certificate of Authority to Black Hills FiberCom, L.L.C. Black Hills Fibercom, Inc. was granted authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services statewide and local telecommunications services within U S WEST Communications service areas on August 5, 1998.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best

Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer

Date Filed: 03/25/99

Intervention Deadline: 04/16/99

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.

Concert Communications Sales LLC (CCS) has filed a request for a Certificate of Authority to operate as a reseller of intraLATA and interLATA interexchange telecommunications services throughout South Dakota. CCS intends to provide a full range of 1+ interexchange services and data transmission services, including, MTS, private line, WATS, post-paid calling card, prepaid calling card, toll free, ISDN and frame relay service products.

Staff Analyst: Michele Farris
Staff Attorney: Camron Hoseck
Date Filed: 03/29/99
Intervention Deadline: 04/16/99

TC99-028 In the Matter of the Application of Nor Communications, Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Telecommunications Services in South Dakota.

Nor Communications Inc. has filed a request for a Certificate of Authority to operate as a reseller of intrastate telecommunications services throughout South Dakota. Nor Communications intends to provide a full range of 1+ interexchange services, including, MTS, WATS, and calling cards.

Staff Analyst: Michele Farris
Staff Attorney: Camron Hoseck
Date Filed: 03/30/99
Intervention Deadline: 04/16/99

TC99-029 In the Matter of the Filing by Golden West Communications, Inc. for Approval of Boundary Change.

Vivian Telephone Co. d/b/a Golden West Communications received a request from a developer to change the Custer exchange boundary to bring all of the developer's territory into the Custer exchange. Presently part of the developer's territory is in the Hot Springs exchange served by Golden West Cooperative. Both the Cooperative board and Vivian's board have approved the boundary change.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer
Date Filed: 03/30/99
Intervention Deadline: NA

**TC99-030 In the Matter of the FCC Order Establishing New Deadlines for
Implementation of IntraLATA Dialing Parity by Local Exchange Carriers**

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) order states that no later than April 22, 1999, all Local Exchange Companies (LECs) must file IntraLATA toll dialing parity plans with the state regulatory commission for each state in which the LEC provides telephone exchange service if a plan has not yet been filed with such state commission. Once a state commission has approved a plan, the LEC must implement its plan no later than 30 days after the date on which the plan is approved. If the state commission has not acted on the plan by June 22, 1999, the LEC must file the plan with the Common Carrier Bureau of the FCC. Pursuant to the FCC order, LECs shall file an IntraLATA toll dialing plan by April 22, 1999; interested persons or entities may file comments on the plans no later than May 7, 1999; and LECs may file rebuttal comments no later than May 17, 1999.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer
Docket Opened: 03/31/99
Intervention Deadline: NA

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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY GOLDEN)	ORDER APPROVING
WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR)	REVISED SERVICE
APPROVAL OF ITS BOUNDARY CHANGE)	TERRITORY
)	TC99-029

On March 30, 1999, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from Golden West Communications, Inc. for approval of a boundary change between the Custer, South Dakota exchange served by Vivian Telephone Co. d.b.a. Golden West Communications (Vivian) and the Hot Springs exchange served by Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative (Cooperative). The boundary change is sought by a developer, the result of which would bring all of the developer's territory into the Custer exchange. The application included the minutes of both the Cooperative's Board and Vivian's Board stating their approval of the boundary change.

The new area to be serviced by the Custer exchange is described as follows:

"In order to include all of the Lone Star Subdivision in the Custer, South Dakota exchange, Vivian Telephone Company agrees to move the South exchange boundary South 1/4 Mile in Sections 7 & 8, Township 6S, Range 4E, in Custer County."

On April 26, 1999, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission considered the matter. Staff recommended approval of the revised service territory.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31-3 and 49-31-7. Further, the Commission finds that the revised service territory shall be approved. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the revised service territory is hereby approved.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 5th day of May, 1999.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.

By: Melanie Kalbo

Date: 5/6/99

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

Laska Schoenfelder
LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner