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IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING
BY US WEST COMMUNICATIONS,
INC. FOR APPROVAL OF AN
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN US WEST COMMUNICATIONS,
INC. AND DIECA COMMUNICATIONS,
INC. D/B/A COVAD COMMUNICATIONS
COMPANY

TC99-017

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Transcript of Proceedings
November 15, 1999

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION,
JIM BURG, CHAIRMAN
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LASKA SCHOENFELDER, COMMISSIONER

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TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS, held in the
above-entitled matter, at the South Dakota State
Capitol, Room 412, 500 East Capitol Avenue, Pierre,
South Dakota, on the 15th day of November 1999
at 1:30 p.m.

1 CHAIRMAN BURG: TC99-017, in the
2 matter of the filing by US West Communications,
3 Incorporated for approval of an interconnection
4 agreement between US West Communications,
5 Incorporated and Dieca Communications,
6 Incorporated, doing business as Covad
7 Communications Company. Today shall the Commission
8 approve the interconnection agreement.

9 Are you going to start with that one again?

10 MR. SENGGER: No. I think Camron's
11 taking that.

12 MS. HOSECK: Mr. Chairman, members
13 of the Commission, on February 25 I filed my staff
14 recommendation and analysis in this matter. The
15 recommendation was not to approve it until two
16 conditions were met, one of which was Covad had a
17 CLA, which we have just taken care of. The second
18 one is the agreement be subject to South Dakota
19 Law.

20 And a miracle occurred this morning and the
21 language appeared and I'm satisfied with the
22 language that they have submitted as a submission.
23 And it will be substituted in the contract. With
24 that, I would recommend approval of the
25 interconnection agreement.

1 CHAIRMAN BURG: Does US West have
2 any comments on the interconnection agreement?

3 MR. DUARTE: No, Mr. Chairman. I
4 just faxed a letter today based on the authority
5 Dieca had given based on the submitting the revised
6 page. I believe the two issues staff had raised
7 have now been met. I assume everything is in order
8 now.

9 CHAIRMAN BURG: Is this Alex
10 speaking?

11 MR. DUARTE: It is.

12 CHAIRMAN BURG: Anything else? I
13 would move we approve the interconnection agreement
14 between US West and Dieca doing business as Covad
15 in TC99-017.

16 COMMISSIONER SCHOENFELDER: Second.

17 COMMISSIONER NELSON: Concur.

18 CHAIRMAN BURG: TC99-017 has been
19 approved.

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CERTIFICATE

3 COUNTY OF HUGHES)

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5 I, CHERI MCCOMSEY WITTLER, Registered
6 Professional Reporter and Notary Public in and for the
7 State of South Dakota:

8 DO HEREBY CERTIFY that as the duly-appointed
9 shorthand reporter, I took in shorthand the proceedings
10 had in the above-entitled matter on the 15th day of
11 November 1999, and that the attached is a true and
12 correct transcription of the proceedings so taken.

13 Dated at Pierre, South Dakota this 1st day
14 of December 1999.

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17 Cheri McComsey Wittler
18 Cheri McComsey Wittler,
19 Notary Public and
20 Registered Professional Reporter
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