

## Telecommunications Orders - Issued 1997

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE INTERCONNECTION CONTRACT ) ORDER ADOPTING  
NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN AT&T COMMUNICATIONS OF ) JOINT PROCEDURAL  
THE MIDWEST, INC. AND U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, ) AGREEMENT  
INC. PURSUANT TO 47 U.S.C. SECTION 252 )  
TC96-184**

On November 20, 1996, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. (AT&T) pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 252(b)(1) to arbitrate open issues related to its interconnection negotiations with U S WEST Communications, Inc. (U S WEST). U S WEST filed its response on December 16, 1996.

On January 10, 1997, the Commission issued an Amended Procedural Schedule; Order for and Notice of Hearing. In the Amended Procedural Schedule, the Commission scheduled a prehearing conference for January 13, 1997. The prehearing conference was held as scheduled.

At the prehearing conference, representatives of AT&T and U S WEST discussed the scheduling of witnesses and the presenting of issues. The parties stated that they would work out an agreement on these issues and file it with the Commission.

On January 17, 1997, the Commission received a Joint Procedural Agreement submitted by U S WEST. In the Joint Procedural Agreement U S WEST stated that AT&T had approved of the Agreement and that AT&T and U S WEST requested that the Commission adopt the proposed Agreement. The Agreement sets forth the dates various witnesses will testify and the issues they will address.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-31 and the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The Commission may rely upon any or all of these or other laws of this state in making its determination.

The Commission finds that the Joint Procedural Agreement as submitted by U S WEST and agreed to by AT&T should be adopted. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission adopt the Joint Procedural Agreement filed by U S WEST and agreed to by AT&T. The Joint Procedural Agreement is hereby incorporated by reference.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 22nd day of January, 1997.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

**BY ORDER OF THE**

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

COMMISSION:

Commissioners Burg, Nelson and  
Schoenfelder

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WILLIAM BULLARD, JR.

Executive Director

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