BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR REVISIONS TO ITS EXCHANGE AND NETWORK SERVICES CATALOG	**) ORDER GRANTING LATE FILED INTERVENTION**
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	TC96-206
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On December 23, 1996, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from U S WEST Communications, Inc. (U S WEST) for approval to introduce a new optional dialing capability for the completion of calls. Under the proposal, customers will be able to call a special 1-800 number to reach an interactive voice response platform. After reaching the platform, customers will be given the following options to bill their call: 1-800 U S WEST Calling Card, Third Number, or Collect. An effective date of January 15, 1997, has been requested by U S WEST.

On December 26, 1996, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of January 10, 1997, to interested individuals and entities.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-31.

Petitions to Intervene were filed by TCIC Communications, Inc. (TCIC), on January 10, 1997, and a late filed petition by MCI Telecommunications Corporation (MCI), on January 13, 1997. The Commission granted intervention to these parties on January 14, 1997. On March 27, 1997, AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. (AT&T) filed a late filed petition to intervene.

At a regularly scheduled meeting of April 1, 1997, the Commission found that the Petition of AT&T to intervene, although not timely filed, shall be granted as in the public interest, Commissioner Nelson dissenting. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Petition to Intervene of AT&T is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 11th day of April, 1997.

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

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

prepaid thereon.

By:_____

Date:_____

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

PAM NELSON, Commissioner

dissenting

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LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner

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