

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY U S WEST)
COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF)
AN INTERCONNECTION COST ADJUSTMENT)
MECHANISM)

ORDER SUSPENDING
PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE
AND HEARING
TC97-005

On January 14, 1997, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from U S WEST Communications, Inc. (U S WEST) seeking to allow U S WEST to implement an Interconnection Cost Adjustment Mechanism (ICAM) for a defined 36-month period. According to the application, "The ICAM is limited to one time, extraordinary or start-up costs for systems modifications or development, network rearrangements and business office processes effectively mandated by the Telecommunications Act of 1996 for the convenience of and use by U S WEST's competitors, and to facilitate U S WEST's existing customers' ability to choose a different local exchange service provider. Because no current or proposed rate or charge will provide an opportunity for U S WEST to recover all of these extraordinary, one-time or start-up costs, U S WEST proposes the ICAM to recover the totality of such costs." U S WEST has requested expeditious Commission treatment of this application.

A Second Amended Order for and Notice of Procedural Schedule and Hearing was issued on April 25, 1997. A determination has been made to suspend the Second Amended Order for and Notice of Procedural Schedule and Hearing until further notice. It is therefore

ORDERED that the Second Amended Order for and Notice of Procedural Schedule and Hearing has been suspended until further notice.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 2nd day of May, 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 prepaid thereon.	
By:	<i>Nelma Kaelbs</i>
Date:	<i>5/2/97</i>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:
Commissioners Burg, Nelson and
Schoenfelder

William Bullard, Jr.
WILLIAM BULLARD, JR.
Executive Director