

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF MCI )  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION )  
AND AT&T COMMUNICATIONS OF THE )  
MIDWEST, INC. TO CERTIFY ALL LECS AS TO )  
COMPLIANCE WITH FCC PAYPHONE )  
ORDERS )

**ORDER GRANTING  
INTERVENTIONS**

**TC97-039**

On April 14, 1997, MCI and AT&T filed a petition with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) requesting the Commission to certify all LECs as to compliance with FCC Payphone Orders. MCI and AT&T filed this petition to investigate compliance of all certificated local exchange companies (LECs) with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) orders on payphone reclassification. Specifically, MCI and AT&T request that the Commission determine and certify whether all certificated LECs have met all state-specific requirements identified in the FCC's orders.

On April 17, 1997, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of May 2, 1997, to interested individuals and entities. On April 30, 1997, U S WEST Communications, Inc. (U S WEST) filed a Petition for Leave to Intervene with the Commission. On May 2, 1997, South Dakota Independent Telephone Coalition (SDITC) filed a Petition to Intervene.

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

At a regularly scheduled meeting of May 13, 1997, the Commission found that the Petitions to Intervene were timely filed and demonstrated good cause to grant intervention. It is therefore

ORDERED that U S WEST's and SDITC's requests for intervention are hereby granted. It is further

ORDERED, that the Executive Director shall set a procedural schedule in this matter.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 1997.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>	
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:	<u>DeLaine Kelbo</u>
Date:	<u>5/22/97</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg  
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson  
PAM NELSON, Commissioner