

**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)
TARIFF AND EXCHANGE AND NETWORK)
SERVICES CATALOG)

ORDER GRANTING
INTERVENTION

TC97-049

On April 30, 1997, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing by U S WEST Communications, Inc. (U S WEST) that reflects the second phase of increases to the residential and business lines as agreed to in Docket TC94-121. The changes requested in the application are as follows:

1. Increase the residential rate by \$2.10, with the exception of Rate Group I, which reached the price ceiling of \$19.35. The \$2.10 includes the \$.60 agreed upon for the second portion of the Touchtone fold-in.
2. Increase the business lines and trunks by \$.90 to reflect the second half of the Touchtone fold-in, to a price ceiling of \$38.40 for the one-party flat business. The monthly rate for the semi-public phones is also increased by \$.90 to reflect the second portion of the Touchtone fold-in.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-31, ARSD 20:10:01:15.02 and 20:10:01:15.05, and Commission's Order in TC94-121.

An intervention date of May 16, 1997, was established. Timely petitions to intervene have been received from MCI Telecommunications Corporation (MCI) and AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. (AT&T).

At its regularly scheduled meeting of June 3, 1997, the Commission found that the Petitions to Intervene were timely filed and demonstrated good cause to grant intervention. It is therefore

ORDERED that the Petitions to Intervene of MCI and AT&T are granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 13th day of June, 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: <u>William Kalbs</u>
Date: <u>6/13/97</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

Laska Schoenfelder
LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner