

**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)	ORDER APPROVING REVISIONS TO TARIFF TC97-152
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On August 29, 1997, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing by U S WEST Communications, Inc. (U S WEST) regarding revisions to its exchange and network services tariff. The purpose of this revision is to modify pay telephone language pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Section 276, Provision of Payphone Services. This ensures that the tariff accurately reflects the federal deregulation of payphone services and that the products and services offered by U S WEST Communications to payphone Service Providers are offered under equal terms and conditions. U S WEST requested an effective date of September 29, 1997. On September 19, 1997, AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. filed a petition to intervene. On September 24, 1997, AT&T withdrew the petition to intervene.

The following tariff sheets were filed with regard to the Exchange and Network Services Tariff:

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At its duly noticed meeting on September 25, 1997, the Commission considered this matter.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31 and ARSD Article 20:10. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the above revisions to U S WEST's Exchange and Network Services Tariff. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission approves U S WEST's revisions to its Exchange and Network Services Tariff.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 3rd day of October, 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><i>Debbie Kelbo</i></u>
Date: <u>10/7/97</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

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