

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE SALE OF THE )	<b>AMENDED ORDER FOR</b>
STOCK OF JEFFERSON TELEPHONE CO. TO )	<b>AND NOTICE OF HEARING</b>
JEFFERSON COMMUNICATIONS, LLC. )	<b>AND PROCEDURAL</b>
)	<b>SCHEDULE</b>
)	<b>TC97-159</b>

On September 23, 1997, the Commission received a joint application from Jefferson Telephone Co. and Jefferson Communications, LLC, collectively referred to as Applicants. The Applicants jointly applied to the Commission for approval of the sale of the stock of Jefferson Telephone Co. to Jefferson Communications, Inc.

On September 25, 1997, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of October 10, 1997, to interested individuals and entities. No parties have sought intervention in this docket.

On October 10, 1997, Commission staff filed a resistance to Jefferson Communications' request that the purchase price of the exchange be afforded confidential treatment on the grounds that Jefferson Communications has not shown entitlement to such treatment as a matter of law and further upon the grounds that the public is entitled to such information concerning public utilities.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-31, including but not limited to SDCL 49-31-59, and ARSD Chapter 20:10:01. The Commission may rely upon any or all of these or other laws of this state in making its determination.

A hearing on this application will begin at 2:00 P.M., on December 11, 1997, in Room 423, State Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota, for the consideration of this matter.

The issues at the hearing are:

1. Is the purchase price of the exchange confidential and therefore not subject to disclosure to the public?
2. Whether the sale of the stock of Jefferson Telephone Co. to Jefferson Communications should be approved?

The public is invited to participate by testifying at the hearing. All persons so testifying will be subject to cross-examination by the parties. The order of the proceeding will be in the following sequence: (1) Applicant and (2) Staff.

The hearing is an adversary proceeding conducted pursuant to SDCL Chapter 1-26. All parties have the right to attend and represent themselves or be represented by an attorney. However, such rights and other due process rights shall be forfeited if not exercised at the hearing. If you or your representative fail to appear at the time and place set for the hearing, the Final Decision will be based solely on testimony and evidence provided, if any, during the hearing or a Final Decision may be issued by default pursuant to SDCL 1-26-20.

