

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

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY U S WEST) | ORDER APPROVING |
| COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR REVISIONS TO) | REVISIONS |
| ITS EXCHANGE AND NETWORK SERVICES) | |
| CATALOG) | TC97-162 |

On October 6, 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 Catalog. The purpose of this filing is to introduce National Directory Assistance. U S WEST requests the service be accorded a Fully Competitive status. U S WEST's National Directory Assistance is a service by which a local U S WEST caller can obtain telephone numbers for any location within the United States. The customer will dial the same number as they currently dial for local Directory Assistance. When a customer requests a number beyond the local Directory Assistance area, a voice recognition unit will direct the request to a National Directory Assistance operator who has access to telephone numbers in other areas. U S WEST requested an effective date of November 25, 1997.

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

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At its duly noticed meeting on November 18, 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 Catalog. It is therefore

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 1st day of December, 1997.

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| <p>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</p> <p>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.</p> <p>By: <u><i>Melanie Kelso</i></u></p> <p>Date: <u>12/3/97</u></p> <p align="center">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p> |
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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| <p><u><i>James A. Burg</i></u> JAMES A. BURG, Chairman</p> <p><u><i>Pam Nelson</i></u> PAM NELSON, Commissioner</p> <p><u><i>Laska Schoenfelder</i></u> LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner</p> |
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