

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED) ORDER CLOSING DOCKET
BY BEN HOFER, CARPENTER, SOUTH)
DAKOTA, AGAINST U S WEST) TC97-178
COMMUNICATIONS, INC. REGARDING)
UPDATING LINES)

On October 29, 1997, Ben Hofer, Carpenter, South Dakota (Hofer), filed a complaint against U S WEST Communications, Inc. (U S WEST) with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) regarding updating lines. A hearing on this matter was held on April 2, 1998, and Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order were entered on April 28, 1998. A series of deadlines were imposed upon U S WEST by the Commission for completion of the work, the most recent being until September 30, 1998, under penalty of one thousand dollars per day should this deadline not be met.

On October 7, 1998, U S WEST indicated in writing that the work had been completed as ordered by the Commission. Commission staff indicated that the Complainant was satisfied.

At its regularly scheduled October 15, 1998, meeting, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-13 and ARSD Chapter 20:10:01. The Commission found that the complaint was satisfied and closed the docket. It is therefore

ORDERED that this docket is closed.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 21st day of October, 1998.

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>Delaine Kalks</i></u>
Date: <u>10/22/98</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