

Telecommunications Orders - Issued 1997

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE SETTING OF PERMANENT PRICES, TERMS, AND CONDITIONS FOR INTERCONNECTION WITH U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.))))	ORDER OPENING DOCKET TC97-181
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In its Order on Reconsideration in Docket TC96-184, In the Matter of the Petition for Arbitration on Behalf of AT&T Communications of the Midwest Inc. with U S WEST Communications, Inc., the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) stated that the prices, terms, and conditions set by the Commission in that docket were interim prices, terms, and conditions. The Commission further stated that it would open a new docket to set permanent prices, terms, and conditions for interconnection with U S WEST.

A October 28, 1997, meeting, the Commission considered whether to open a docket to set permanent prices, terms, and conditions for interconnection with U S WEST. U S WEST and AT&T both stated that they had no objection to the Commission opening the docket. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 49-13 and 49-31, and the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. The Commission unanimously voted to open the docket.

It is therefore

ORDERED that a docket shall be opened to set permanent prices, terms, and conditions for interconnection with U S WEST.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 7th day of November, 1997.

<p style="text-align: center;">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</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:</p> <hr style="width: 80%; margin: 10px auto;"/>
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<p>facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.</p> <p>By: _____</p> <p>Date: _____</p> <p>(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>	<p>JAMES A. BURG, Chairman</p> <p>_____</p> <p>PAM NELSON, Commissioner</p> <p>_____</p> <p>LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner</p>
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