

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY AT&T ) COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MIDWEST, INC. ) FOR APPROVAL OF AT&T DIGITAL LINK ) SERVICE )	ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION  TC98-151
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On September 4, 1998, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing by AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. (AT&T) seeking approval to introduce AT&T Digital Link Service in its Local Exchange Service tariff for business customers. AT&T Digital Link Service permits local calling capability from a customer's premises utilizing Direct Outward Dialing over dedicated digital facilities. AT&T requested that the tariff be approved to be effective simultaneously with the decision granting AT&T's emergency motion in Docket TC96-184 or with approval of the final Contract whichever occurs first. This tariff is filed with an effective date of October 5, 1998.

On September 10, 1998, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of September 21, 1998, to interested individuals and entities. A Motion for Leave to Intervene was filed by Dakota Telecommunications Group, Inc. (DTG) and its subsidiaries Dakota Telecom, Inc. (DTI) and DTG Community Telephone, Inc. (DCT) on September 16, 1998. At its regularly scheduled September 23, 1998, meeting, the Commission considered DTG, DTI, and DCT's request for intervention.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-31.

The Commission found that the Motion for Leave to Intervene was timely filed and demonstrated good cause to grant intervention. It is therefore

ORDERED that DTG, DTI and DCT's request for intervention is hereby granted. It is further

ORDERED, that the Executive Director shall set a procedural schedule in this matter.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 8th day of October, 1998.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>	
<small>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.</small>	
By:	<u>Melaine Kaelo</u>
Date:	<u>10/9/98</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg  
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson  
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

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LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner