

telecommunications carrier. The Commission's decision may be appealed to the state Circuit Court and the state Supreme Court as provided by law. It is therefore

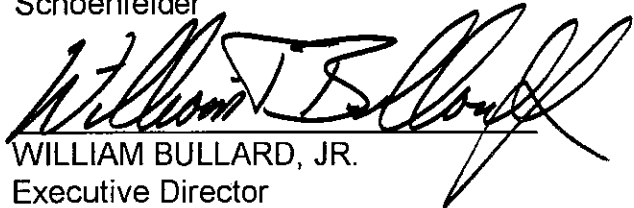
ORDERED that a hearing shall be held at the time and place specified above on the issue of whether GCC should be granted designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier for all the exchanges contained within all of the counties in South Dakota.

Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, this hearing is being held in a physically accessible location. Please contact the Public Utilities Commission at 1-800-332-1782 at least 48 hours prior to the hearing if you have special needs so arrangements can be made to accommodate you.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 27th 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>Alaine Kaebo</u>
Date:	<u>10/27/98</u>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:
Commissioners Burg, Nelson and
Schoenfelder


WILLIAM BULLARD, JR.
Executive Director