

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE)	ORDER APPROVING
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT)	WITHDRAWAL OF NEGOTIATED
BETWEEN THE CITY OF HAWARDEN AND)	AGREEMENT AND CLOSING
HEARTLAND TELECOMMUNICATIONS)	DOCKET
COMPANY OF IOWA)	TC98-152

On September 4, 1998, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a request from Heartland Telecommunications Company of Iowa (Heartland) for approval of the negotiated Interconnection Agreement (hereafter, the Agreement) between Heartland and the city of Hawarden, Iowa (Hawarden). On November 2, 1998, Heartland requested that the filing be withdrawn. Hawarden did not oppose withdrawal of the filing of the Agreement for approval.

The Commission has jurisdiction over the approval of interconnection agreements pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 252(e)(1) and SDCL Chapter 49-31-81.

On November 3, 1998, at its duly noticed meeting, the Commission considered the matter. Mike Shaw, representing Heartland, appeared and stated his client's position. Commission Staff recommended granting the request of Heartland.

The Commission unanimously voted to permit the withdrawal of the Agreement, without prejudice, and to close the docket. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the filing of the Agreement for approval shall be withdrawn, without prejudice; and it is further

ORDERED, that this docket be closed.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 9th day of November, 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>Mildred Kalbo</u>
Date: <u>11/10/98</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