BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN MIDCO COMMUNICATIONS, INC. D.B.A MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS , INC. AND U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	)	**ORDER PERMITTING WITHDRAWAL OF APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT AND CLOSING DOCKET TC98-213**

On December 23, 1998, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from U S WEST Communications, Inc. (U S WEST) for approval of an interconnection agreement between U S WEST and Midco Communications, Inc. d.b.a Midcontinent Communications, Inc.(Midco).

On January 26, 1999, U S WEST requested that its application be withdrawn and that Midco concurred with this request.

At its regularly scheduled February 17, 1999, meeting, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31, specifically 49-31-81, and the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. The Commission found that U S WEST's request to withdraw its request for approval of an interconnection agreement is reasonable and closed the docket. It is therefore

ORDERED that this docket is closed, without prejudice.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 18th day of February, 1999.

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: Delaine Kolbo

Date: 2/18/99

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg

JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson

PAM NELSON, Commissioner