

**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)
TARIFF PAGES FOR ITS ACCESS SERVICE)
TARIFF IMPLEMENTING ITS INTRALATA)
TOLL DIALING PARITY PLAN)

**ORDER GRANTING
INTERVENTION**

TC99-053

On May 3, 1999, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from U S WEST Communications, Inc. (U S WEST) for approval of its Access Service Tariff pages implementing its IntraLATA Toll Dialing Parity Plan. On June 1, 1999, U S WEST filed a Petition for Cost Recovery Charge requesting recovery of its costs associated with the implementation and conversion of IntraLATA equal access in South Dakota in 1999. U S WEST requests approval of an equal access recovery charge of \$.001136 per minute of use in accordance with its equal access cost study. U S WEST further requests that this charge be recovered over a three year period of time with true ups annually.

On May 6, 1999, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of May 21, 1999, to interested individuals and entities. On May 20, 1999, the South Dakota Independent Telephone Coalition (SDITC) filed a Petition to Intervene and on May 21, 1999, AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. filed its Petition to Intervene. At its regularly scheduled June 8, 1999, meeting, the Commission considered SDITC's and AT&T's request for intervention.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-31 and 47 U.S.C. § 251 and 252.

The Commission found that the petitions to intervene were timely filed and demonstrated good cause to grant intervention. It is therefore

ORDERED that SDITC and AT&T's requests for intervention are hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 23rd day of June, 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:	<u>William Kalbo</u>
Date:	<u>6/23/99</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

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LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner