

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR) EXTENDED AREA SERVICE BETWEEN THE) HUMBOLDT-MONTROSE EXCHANGE AND) THE SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA) EXCHANGE)	ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION TC99-055
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On May 10, 1999, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a petition from Edward H. Berreth on behalf of the Montrose, South Dakota and Humboldt, South Dakota citizens requesting Extended Area Service between the Sioux Falls, South Dakota exchange of U S WEST and the Humboldt-Montrose exchange of Sioux Valley Telephone Company.

On May 13, 1999, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of May 28, 1999, to interested individuals and entities. U S WEST Communications, Inc. (U S WEST) filed a Petition to Intervene on May 26, 1999.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-31, specifically 1-26-17.1, 49-31-2, 49-31-3, 49-31-4, 49-31-7.1, 49-31-11, and 49-31-12.

At a regularly scheduled meeting of June 8, 1999, the Commission found that the Petition to Intervene was timely filed and demonstrated good cause to grant intervention. It is therefore

ORDERED that the Petition to Intervene of U S WEST is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 22nd 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>Aldene 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