

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	ORDER GRANTING
BLACK HILLS FIBERCOM, L.L.C. FOR)	INTERVENTION
APPROVAL TO OFFER A DIFFERENT LOCAL)	
CALLING AREA)	TC99-056

On May 21, 1999, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from Black Hills FiberCom, L.L.C. (Black Hills). According to its application, Black Hills submitted the application pursuant to the provisions of ARSD 20:10:32:11, to provide a different local calling area than that which is provided by U S WEST Communications, Inc. (U S WEST).

On May 27, 1999, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of June 11, 1999, to interested individuals and entities. On June 11, 1999, U S WEST filed a Petition for Leave to Intervene. At its regularly scheduled June 22, 1999, meeting, the Commission considered U S WEST's request for intervention.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-31.

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

ORDERED that U S WEST's request for intervention is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 25th 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>Delaine Kebo</u>
Date: <u>6/25/99</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