

**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)
AN INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT)
BETWEEN U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS,)
INC. AND NEW EDGE NETWORK, INC. D/B/A)
NEW EDGE NETWORKS)

ORDER APPROVING
AGREEMENT

TC99-109

On November 23 ,1999, U S WEST Communications, Inc. (U S WEST) filed for approval by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) an interconnection agreement between New Edge Network, Inc. d/b/a New Edge Networks (New Edge) and U S WEST.

On November 24, 1999, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of this filing to interested individuals and entities. The notice stated that any person wishing to comment on the parties' request for approval had until December 17,1999, to do so. No comments were filed.

At its duly noticed December 28, 1999, meeting, the Commission considered whether to approve the agreement between U S WEST and New Edge. Commission Staff recommended its approval.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31, and the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. In accordance with 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2), the Commission found that the agreement does not discriminate against a telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the agreement and the agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the agreement. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission approves the agreement.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 12th day of January, 2000.

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><i>Helaine Kaabo</i></u>
Date: <u>1/13/00</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