

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY QWEST) CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL OF ITS) STATEMENT OF GENERALLY AVAILABLE) TERMS AND CONDITIONS)	ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION TC00-191
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On November 22, 2000, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Qwest Corporation for approval of its Statement of Generally Available Terms and Conditions (SGAT). In its SGAT filing, Qwest states that it is requesting that the Commission open a docket for review of the SGAT; that it has triggered the 60-day review period under Section 252(f)(3) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Act); and that it provides Qwest's model contract offering that will frame discussions for the Act's 271 process. In its Compliance Filing, Qwest requests that the Commission issue an Order allowing section 8.4 of the SGAT to be amended consistent with the intervals set forth by the FCC.

On November 23, 2000, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of December 8, 2000, to interested individuals and entities. AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. (AT&T) filed a Petition for Leave to Intervene on December 7, 2000, McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. (McLeod) filed a Petition to Intervene on December 8, 2000, and on December 11, 2000, a late filed Petition to Intervene was received from Midcontinent Communications (Midcontinent).

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-31 and ARSD 20:10:01:15.05.

At a regularly scheduled meeting of December 12, 2000, the Commission found that the Petitions to Intervene were timely filed and demonstrated good cause to grant intervention. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Petitions to Intervene of AT&T, McLeodUSA and Midcontinent are hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 20th day of December, 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>Alaine Kelso</i></u>
Date: <u>12/21/00</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

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LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner