

**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)
REVISIONS TO ITS EXCHANGE AND)
NETWORK SERVICES TARIFF)**

**ORDER APPROVING
REVISED TARIFF PAGES

TC00-103**

On June 28, 2000, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from U S WEST Communications, Inc. (U S WEST) for approval of a revision to its Exchange and Network Services Tariff. The purpose of the filing is to increase the federal Lifeline program benefit by \$.85. The increase is the result of the FCC's order dated May 31, 2000, in which it increased the monthly credit from \$5.25 to \$6.10. The change became effective July 1, 2000.

On June 29, 2000, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of July 14, 2000, to interested individuals and entities. No parties sought intervention.

The following tariff sheet was filed with regard to the Exchange and Network Services Tariff:

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At its duly noticed meeting on July 20, 2000, the Commission considered this matter. Commission Staff recommended approval of the filing.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the above revision to U S WEST's Exchange and Network Services Tariff. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission approves the above-referenced U S WEST revision to its Exchange and Network Services Tariff.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 21st day of July, 2000.

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| 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>William Kalbs</i></u> |
| Date: | <u>7/24/00</u> |
| (OFFICIAL SEAL) | |

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Pam Nelson

PAM NELSON, Vice Chair

Laska Schoenfelder

LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner