

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF) ORDER GRANTING
QWEST CORPORATION TO RECLASSIFY) INTERVENTION
LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICES AS FULLY)
COMPETITIVE)** **TC03-057**

On March 14, 2003, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from Qwest Corporation (Qwest) to reclassify local exchange and other related services as fully competitive in all Qwest exchanges in South Dakota.

On March 20, 2003, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of April 4, 2003, to interested individuals and entities. Black Hills FiberCom, L.L.C. (Black Hills) filed a Petition for Leave to Intervene on March 26, 2003, Northern Valley Communications, L.L.C. (NVC) filed a Petition to Intervene on March 28, 2003, Midcontinent Communications, Inc. (Midcontinent) filed a Petition to Intervene on April 2, 2003, PrairieWave Telecommunications, Inc. and PrairieWave Community Telephone, Inc. (PrairieWave) filed a Petition to Intervene on April 3, 2003, and Midstate Telecom, Inc. (Midstate), South Dakota Telecommunications Association (SDTA) and WorldCom (WorldCom) filed Petitions to Intervene on April 4, 2003.

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 April 15, 2003, 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 Black Hills, NVC, Midcontinent, PrairieWave, Midstate, SDTA and WorldCom are hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 24th day of April, 2003.

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>Arlaine Kolbo</i></u>
Date: <u>4/24/03</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Robert K. Sahr
ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner