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In the Matter of - IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY U
S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR
APPROVAL OF AN
INTERCONNECTION COST
ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM

Public Utilities Commission of the State of South Dakota

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Re: New Filing
U S WEST's Application for An Interconnection Cost Adjustment Mechanism

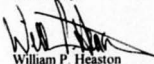
Dear Mr. Bullard:

Enclosed for filing in the above captioned docket is an original and nine (9) copies of U S WEST Communications, Inc.'s Application for an Interconnection Cost Adjustment Mechanism.

Please stamp and return the extra copy in order to acknowledge receipt. A postage-paid, addressed envelope is enclosed

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

Yours truly,



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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
OF U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.) TC97-
FOR AN INTERCONNECTION COST)
ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM)

APPLICATION

U S WEST Communications, Inc. ("U S WEST") files this Application requesting the Commission to allow U S WEST to implement an Interconnection Cost Adjustment Mechanism ("ICAM") for a defined 36 month period commencing as indicated in the attached interim tariff. As support for this Application, U S WEST states as follows:

1. U S WEST operates an embedded landline network throughout South Dakota for the provision of switched and dedicated local and intraLATA telecommunications services.
2. In this Application, U S WEST seeks to implement an ICAM to recover certain extraordinary interconnection costs that U S WEST has incurred and will incur, which are attributable to U S WEST's statewide telecommunications operations.
3. Section 251(b) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("Act") imposes upon all local exchange carriers, including U S WEST, the duties of resale, number portability, dialing parity and access to rights of way. Section 251(c) of the Act imposes certain additional obligations on U S WEST as an incumbent local exchange carrier, including primarily the duties of interconnection and unbundled access. The Act contains no

mechanism for financing or paying for unplanned network upgrades, the acceleration of planned upgrades in order to comply with state or federal mandates, extensions and/or modifications of network facilities or operational support systems, including data bases and electronic interfaces, and other mandated changes, all of which are or will be necessary to provide competitive or alternative local exchange service providers (collectively "CLEC") with interconnection, access to unbundled network elements and the ability to resell U S WEST's retail services.

4. On August 8, 1996, the FCC issued its First Report and Order in CC Docket Nos. 96-98 and 95-185 ("Order"), including implementing regulations in 47 C.F.R. Part 51. Neither the Order, nor implementing regulations, contain or create a funding mechanism for extraordinary, start-up or one time charges necessary for facilities, arrangements, systems and processes to provide interconnection and unbundled network access for U S WEST's competitors. No other source of payment exists or has been created, either federally or locally, that will provide U S WEST with full and timely recovery for all of its network rearrangement costs.¹ Further, the FCC has not concluded its

¹ Part of the network rearrangement costs may include costs to add additional interoffice transport facilities and to add additional capacity at the tandem. Depending on the Commission's decisions on the pricing for transport and termination in arbitration and other proceedings, U S WEST recognizes that it may receive some cost recovery for those transport and tandem costs. But, in any event, those prices will not allow U S WEST to receive full or timely recovery for those costs, even if the Commission adopts U S WEST's pricing proposals. That is because the TELRIC-based prices will only provide recovery for U S WEST's tandem and transport costs between the U S WEST tandem and the CLEC switch, and then in a manner that requires

proceedings on universal service, so no additional funding is available from that source to pay for the extraordinary, one-time or start-up costs envisioned by this Application. In addition, the Joint Board's Universal Service Report did not recommend or suggest that the federal universal service fund will provide recovery for those types of costs.

5. Through the third quarter of 1996, U S WEST incurred systems costs in order to start the process of making software changes to allow for service assurance, capacity provisioning, billing and service delivery for CLECs. Also, U S WEST incurred costs to expand network capacity in its tandems and interoffice facilities in order to accommodate the CLECs' anticipated traffic demands on U S WEST's network. Finally, U S WEST incurred start-up costs associated with the establishment of service centers to process CLEC service orders. U S WEST expects that it will continue to incur these one-time, extraordinary or start-up costs on an accelerated basis during the period of 1997 through 1999.

6. The ICAM is limited to one time, extraordinary or start-up costs for systems modifications and/or development, network rearrangements and business office processes effectively mandated by the Act for the convenience and use by U S WEST's

U S WEST to make the investment up front and recover its investment over time. The U S WEST costs from the U S WEST tandem to the U S WEST end user customer will not be recovered in the TELRIC prices. To the extent that the Commission approves prices for transport and termination, U S WEST will credit the relevant portions of those payments in developing the quarterly surcharges proposed in this Application

competitors, and to facilitate U S WEST's existing customers' ability to choose a different local exchange service provider.

7. Forward-looking cost studies may not include such one-time, extraordinary or start-up costs. Thus, the TELRIC-based prices for interconnection services, unbundled network elements and other services will not provide full or timely cost recovery for the costs addressed in this Application. Similarly, the rate making process has traditionally excluded such costs from recovery in the revenue requirement established in a general rate case.

8. For these reasons, and because no current or proposed rate or charge will provide an opportunity for U S WEST to recover all of these extraordinary, one-time or start-up costs, U S WEST proposes the ICAM to recover the totality of such costs.

9. As identified by U S WEST, the expected costs fall into three main categories: resale, interconnection, and unbundling.² The foregoing costs derive from existing orders, so the requirement to invest is presently known and mandated. However, because of the uncertainty over what facilities, arrangements, systems and processes ultimately will be required for interconnection services, and how much, if anything, will be paid from as yet undefined support mechanisms, it is appropriate to

² The Commission should not consider these categories as exclusive since all implementation costs may not fall into neat categories. The Commission should allow the cost recovery mechanism to have sufficient flexibility to capture costs that may not fit in any of the three specific categories defined by U S WEST in this Application.

adopt a payment mechanism that can serve as a cost collection and revenue disbursement device, subject to true-up, over a reasonable period of time. To provide funding for these costs, which otherwise is unavailable, collection must begin as soon as possible.

10. U S WEST proposes that the Commission establish the following ICAM recovery mechanism:

a. Recover the costs for interconnection services from CLECs, rather than from U S WEST's retail service end users. The interconnection costs described above must be incurred by U S WEST to provide industry-wide opportunity and competition, but they do not directly benefit U S WEST's end user customers. The CLECs benefit and are the cost causers. Therefore, they should pay for the network rearrangements required by law for their benefit. The Commission could place the burden of recovery of interconnection costs on CLECs, based on the number of CLECs that have applied for certification, have entered into a negotiation process or expressed interest in negotiating. Distributing the costs equally across all CLECs is only one of many options. The Commission could also elect to spread the costs based on any of the following methodologies:

- (1) The number of customers the CLEC serves.
- (2) The number of access lines the CLEC serves.
- (3) The revenue stream of the CLEC.
- (4) The number of customers in the CLEC's defined service area.

The surcharge will be payable on a quarterly basis over a three year period.³ Because CLECs will operate in different manners (i.e., pure reseller, facilities based, facilities based, but using some U S WEST unbundled elements), U S WEST further proposes to recover costs specified in the three categories previously identified by U S WEST (resale, unbundling, and interconnection) from CLECs engaging in those business operations. In this way, for example, a pure reseller will not pay for network rearrangements required by facilities based providers of service. This approach will target cost recovery from the cost causer.

11. U S WEST will provide initial surcharges by amending the attached tariff in the second quarter of 1997 based upon its first quarter actual incurred costs for network rearrangements. Charges already incurred in 1996 will not be recovered through the ICAM. The surcharge will be based on a rolling average for a 36 month period, with quarterly amounts added to the surcharge and unrecovered amounts being amortized over the remainder of the 36 month period. At the end of the three year period during which ICAM is in effect, U S WEST will conduct a final true-up and implement a surcharge to recover all costs expended during

³ The Commission should allow CLECs to propose a charge on their end users to recover any amounts payable to U S WEST under this or any other applicable option described by U S WEST or adopted by the Commission.

the three year period, but not fully recovered at the time of the true-up.

12. On an annual basis, U S WEST will submit for audit its actual network rearrangement costs incurred during the previous year. As a result of the audit, the Commission may true-up the ICAM surcharge, and, as a result, modify the going forward tariffed surcharge. This process will be repeated annually. The revenues used in the true-up process will include ICAM revenues and any other revenues to the extent they are directly attributable to the recovery of the extraordinary, one-time or start-up costs incurred by U S WEST and covered by ICAM, such as receipts from transport services. U S WEST will identify the costs used in the quarterly adjustment and annual true-up processes through documented tracking procedures which U S WEST and its auditors, Coppers & Lybrand, have developed and are in the process of implementing.

13. If other sources provide funding, in whole or in part, for any interconnection services or network rearrangements subject to this Application, U S WEST will credit them against the total due hereunder.

14. U S WEST fully expects to identify and include other interconnection costs as the requirements for network rearrangements become more clear. It reserves the right to add additional cost categories to ICAM in the quarterly filings.

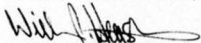
15. Expeditious Commission treatment is requested for this Application. U S WEST already has incurred, and continues to incur expense and to expend capital for network rearrangements necessary to comply with governmental mandates under the Act without any established mechanism for recovery of those costs. Absent adoption of this mechanism, U S WEST cannot continue to make expenditures for network rearrangements and also invest to meet its statutory obligations as a common carrier for existing services and as a provider of last resort.

16. U S WEST is mindful of the requirements of SDCL §§ 49-31-4, 49-31-12, 49-31-12.2 and 49-31-12.4. U S WEST does not seek to circumvent the notice provisions nor the need for the Commission to fulfill its obligations under those statutes. However, for the reasons stated above expedited consideration and tentative approval of this mechanism pending the filing of the actual surcharge amounts will facilitate U S WEST's ability to support its existing services, provide new services, and meet its obligations under the Act.

WHEREFORE, U S WEST respectfully requests that the Commission approve and implement ICAM on the terms set forth herein, adopting an expedited procedural schedule and granting other appropriate relief.

Respectfully submitted, this 13th day of January, 1997.

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16. LOCAL NETWORK INTERCONNECTION SERVICE

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16.1 INTERCONNECTION COST ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM

Competitive Local Exchange Carriers (CLEC) obtaining service from the Company to provide local exchange service in the State of South Dakota, shall be subject to an Interconnection Cost Adjustment Mechanism (ICAM) Transition Fee. The fee is assessed to a CLEC purchasing interconnection service from the Company under tariff and/or contract, or when a CLEC purchases services from the Company intended for resale. The monthly fee(s) shall be assessed to each existing CLEC based on the CLEC's relationship to the company, as a reseller, unbundler, and/or interconnector:

Interconnector - A CLEC which links their network with that of the Company in order to provide connectivity between the customers of that LEC and those of the Company.

Unbundler - A CLEC which purchases an essential network component(s) from the Company for the purposes of combining that component(s) with other components, thus making a complete operational service for sale to other persons, firms or corporations.

Reseller - A CLEC which purchases a fully operational service(s) from the Company for the purposes of providing such service to other persons, firms or corporations for payment or other compensation.

A CLEC having more than one such relationship with the Company shall be assessed the applicable Transition Fees. The fee(s) shall be assessed monthly, for a maximum of three years from the initial effective date of the ICAM. For a newly certified CLEC requesting service, the fee(s) shall be assessed on a prorated basis. At the end of the three-year period, a true-up of charges will occur, and a final bill or refund will be sent to the CLEC.

ICAM TRANSITION FEE

MONTHLY FEE

• Per CLEC

Interconnector	\$
Unbundler	\$
Reseller	\$

TC97-006	Application by U S WEST Communications to introduce Smart Public Access Line (Smart PAL) on a flat and message rated monthly recurring and non-recurring basis to its Exchange and Network Services Tariff. (Staff: DJ/CH) "The introduction of Smart PAL is intended to meet the requirements in the FCC Order 96-388 (Paragraphs 145 and 147) as modified in FCC Order 96-439 (Paragraph 163) to provision a coin line for use by all Payphone Service Providers who wish to place a "dumb" payphone set on the line. The coin line has traditionally been used only by U S WEST Public Services. In addition, this filing proposed withdrawing language in the tariff which regulates the operational characteristics of Payphone Service Provider pay telephones. The effective date requested for this filing is April 15, 1997."	01/15/97	01/31/97
FULLY COMPETITIVE TELECOMMUNICATIONS FILINGS			
NA	IXC Long Distance, Inc. filed to reduce Switched Access rates and to revise Employee Concession language. The changes are effective January 15, 1997.	01/14/97	NA

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South Dakota Public Utilities Commission State Capitol 500 E. Capitol Pierre, SD 57501-5070 Phone: (605) 332-1782 Fax: (605) 773-3809		TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE FILINGS These are the telecommunications service filings that the Commission has received for the period of: 01/10/97 through 01/16/97 If you need a complete copy of a filing faxed, overnight expressed, or mailed to you, please contact Delaine Kolbo within five days of this filing.	
DOCKET NUMBER	TITLE/STAFF/SYNOPSIS	DATE FILED	INTERVENTION DEADLINE
REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY			
TC97-003	Application by Sprint Spectrum L.P. for a Certificate of Authority to operate as a telecommunications company within the state of South Dakota. (Staff: TH/KC) Applicant proposes to offer basic 1+ long distance services and eventually will expand its services offerings to include calling card, prepaid calling card and toll free service products.	01/13/97	01/31/97
TC97-004	Application by BellSouth Long Distance, Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to operate as a telecommunications company within the state of South Dakota. (Staff: TH/CH) Applicant proposes to initially offer proprietary cards for calls made primarily by the Company's customer base residing outside South Dakota when they travel into South Dakota for business or pleasure. In the future, the Company plans to expand its customer base to include South Dakota residential and business customers.	01/13/97	01/31/97
TC97-007	Application by Heartland Telecommunications Company of Iowa for a Certificate of Authority to operate as a telecommunications company within the state of South Dakota. (Staff: HB/KC) Applicant has purchased two exchanges, the Hawarden exchange and the Akron exchange, from U S WEST Communications that extend into South Dakota.	01/16/97	01/31/97
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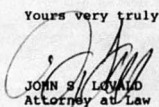
Dear Mr. Bullard:

Enclosed herewith please find original and 11 copies of AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc.'s Petition to Intervene with regard to the above-captioned docket.

Please furnish a file stamped copy to me.

Thank you.

Yours very truly,



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MECHANISM (ICAM)	)	

**AT&T COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MIDWEST, INC.'S
PETITION TO INTERVENE**

AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. ("AT&T"), by and through its attorneys, requests, pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:15.02, that it be permitted to intervene and be granted status as a party in the above matter. In support of its petition to intervene, AT&T states as follows:

1. U S West Communications, Inc. ("U S WEST") has filed with the Commission its application requesting implementation of an Interconnection Cost Adjustment Mechanism ("ICAM").

2. AT&T is a telecommunications company certified by this Commission to do business in the State of South Dakota, and has been certified by the Commission to provide local exchange service. AT&T and U S WEST are arbitrating rates, terms, and conditions for interconnection, access to unbundled network elements, and wholesale purchase and resale of U S WEST local

exchange services pursuant to the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

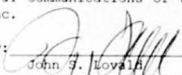
3. AT&T has a substantial interest in U S WEST's filing seeking to impose an ICAM. U S WEST seeks to impose on AT&T and its customers any ICAM levied by U S WEST. This docket thus raises issues that will directly impact the ability of AT&T and other CLECs to provide local exchange services in competition with U S WEST. Specifically, U S WEST's proposed imposition of an ICAM would impose the entire financial burden of compliance with federal and state law on new entrants, creating an enormous barrier to entry into local exchange markets while insulating U S WEST from its legal requirements.

WHEREFORE, AT&T respectfully requests that this Commission grant AT&T's petition to intervene and grant AT&T status as a party to this proceeding.

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Respectfully submitted,

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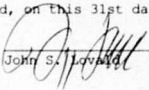
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RE: Docket TC97-005; Interconnection Cost Adjustment Mechanism

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Submitted via fax followed with the original and ten copies of a Petition to Intervene in this proceeding, as required by the notice in the January 10 Commission Telecommunications Service filings.

Yours truly,



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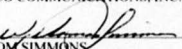
Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:15.02, Midco Communications, Inc. ("Midco")
petitions the Commission as follows:

1. Midco is a certificated communications company under the jurisdiction of the Commission.
2. The Commission has opened this docket to consider US West's request to implement an Interconnection Cost Adjustment Mechanism (ICAM).
3. Midco has direct interest in the outcome of this proceeding. It is a certified long distance carrier, has obtained the authority to offer local service, and is participating in TC96-153. As such, the outcome of this proceeding will have a direct financial impact upon Midco and its ability to deliver business in this state.

WHEREFORE Midco prays that the Commission permit its intervention and participation in this proceeding to examine and cross-examine witnesses and offer evidence on its behalf, and to otherwise participate as a party.

Dated this 31st day of January, 1997.

MIDCO COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

BY: 
W. TOM SIMMONS
VICE PRESIDENT/GENERAL MANAGER
410 S Phillips Avenue
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DAKOTA COOPERATIVE TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.

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January 20, 1997

BY FIRST CLASS MAIL

William Bullard, Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 East Capitol
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

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RE: TC97-005 MOTION FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE

Dear Mr. Bullard:

On behalf of Dakota Cooperative Telecommunications, Inc. ("DCT") and its subsidiaries Dakota Telecommunications Systems, Inc. ("DTS") and Dakota Telecom, Inc. ("DTI"), I have enclosed the original and four copies of the MOTION FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE the above referenced docket. This MOTION is being served to all parties on the service list by mail this same date.

Please file stamp and date the extra copy and return to Robert G. Marmet, attorney for DCT in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kristie Lyngstad".

Kristie Lyngstad
Administrative Assistant

cc: service list

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT)
OF INTERCONNECTION COST)
ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM FOR U S)
WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.)

DOCKET TC97-005
MOTION FOR LEAVE
TO INTERVENE

COMES NOW DAKOTA COOPERATIVE TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.

("DCT") and its subsidiaries Dakota Telecom, Inc. ("DTI") and Dakota

Telecommunications Systems, Inc. ("DTS") and Petitions the Commission for

leave to intervene in the above entitled docket. In support thereof, DCT, DTI and

DTS state the following:

1. DCT, DTI and DTS are telecommunications companies doing business within the State of South Dakota.
2. Each of the above mentioned companies are or may be providing competitive telecommunications services within the State of South Dakota. As competitive local exchange carriers, these companies and their customers would be subjected to the additional burden being proposed by U S WEST.
3. Based upon the foregoing, DCT, DTI and DTS are interested parties in this proceeding and seeks intervention herein.

WHEREFORE, DCT respectfully requests leave to intervene and an opportunity to be heard in this matter,

Dated this 20th day of January, 1997.

Dakota Cooperative Telecommunications, Inc.
Dakota Telecom, Inc.
Dakota Telecommunications Systems, Inc.

By: 

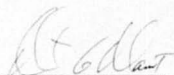
Robert G. Marmet
Attorney for DCT, DTI & DTS
PO Box 269
Centerville, SD 57014
(605) 563 2001 phone
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Robert G. Marmet, hereby certify that on the 20th day of January, 1997, I mailed by United States mail, first class postage prepaid, a true and correct copy of the foregoing Motion for Leave to Intervene, to the following:

William P. Heaston
Senior Attorney
US WEST, Inc.
1801 California Street, Suite 5
Denver, CO 80202

Dated this 20th day of January, 1997.


Robert G. Marmet



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Mr. William Bullard, Jr.
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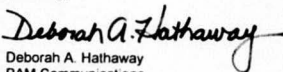
RE: Docket No. TC97-005
Request to Intervene

Dear Mr. Bullard:

PAM Oil, Inc., d b a PAM Communications (PAM) wishes to participate in the above-named docket and has enclosed for filing an original and ten copies of its Petition to Intervene.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Deborah A. Hathaway, PAM Companies, 200 Petro Avenue, P. O. Box 5200, Sioux Falls, SD 57105, (605) 330-7574.

Sincerely,



Deborah A. Hathaway
PAM Communications

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
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In the Matter of the Application of	)	
U S WEST Communications, Inc.	)	TC97-005
To Implement an Interconnection	)	Petition to Intervene
Cost Adjustment Mechanism	)	

PAM Oil, Inc., d b a PAM Communications (PAM) wishes to participate the above-named docket and hereby requests the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) grant it intervenor status.

1. U S WEST Communications has filed an application with the Commission requesting permission to implement an Interconnection Cost Adjustment Mechanism over a 36 month period the costs associated with system modifications, network rearrangements and business office processes.

2. PAM has received approval from the Commission to provide local exchange service and has entered into a contract with US West to become a reseller of their products and services.

3. PAM has a legitimate interest in this proceeding and how it will impact PAM's ability to compete in the local exchange market.

PAM respectfully requests the Commission grant its request to intervene.

Dated this 20th day of January, 1997.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah A. Hathaway

Deborah A. Hathaway
Directory of Regulatory Affairs

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Mr. William Bullard, Jr.
Executive Director
Public Utilities Commission
State Capitol
500 East Capitol
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

RE: MCI; U S WEST ICAM FILING
Docket: TC97-005
Our file: 0175.24

Dear Bill:

Enclosed are original and ten copies of a petition to intervene. Please file the enclosure. I'm also enclosing an additional face page, which please date stamp and return to me in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

With a copy of this letter, I am mailing a copy of the petition to those on the service list. Thank you very much.

Yours truly,

MAY, ADAM, GERDES & THOMPSON LLP

BY: 

DAG:mw

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cc/enc: Karen L. Clauson
Michael Hydock
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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST BY) TC97-005
U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.,)
TO ALLOW IMPLEMENTATION OF AN)
INTERCONNECTION COST ADJUSTMENT)
MECHANISM)

PETITION TO INTERVENE

Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:15.02, MCI Telecommunications Corporation (MCI) by its undersigned counsel petitions the Commission as follows:

1. MCI is a certificated communications company under the jurisdiction of the Commission.

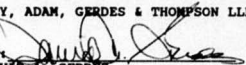
2. U S WEST Communications, Inc., (U S WEST) has filed an application to permit it to implement an interconnection cost adjustment mechanism over a 36-month period. This mechanism is purportedly designed to recover costs for arrangements made by U S WEST to accommodate competition. From the filing it appears that this is an unauthorized attempt by the petition to recover costs which are not authorized to be charged.

3. MCI has a direct interest in the outcome of this proceeding. As a long distance carrier of telecommunications services and as a proposed future local service carrier, the proposed action by U S WEST will have a direct financial impact on MCI and its ability to do business in South Dakota.

WHEREFORE MCI prays that the Commission permit its intervention and participation in this proceeding, to examine and cross-examine witnesses and offer evidence on its own behalf.

Dated this 27th day of January, 1997.

MAY, ADAM, GERDES & THOMPSON LLP

BY: 
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Attorneys for MCI Telecommunications
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

David A. Gerdes of May, Adam, Gerdes & Thompson LLP hereby certifies that on the 27th day of January, 1997, he mailed by United States mail, first class postage thereon prepaid, a true and correct copy of the foregoing Petition to Intervene in the above-captioned action to the following at their last known addresses, to-wit:

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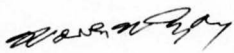
Re: MCI; Local Competition Issues
TC97-005
Our File No.: 2566

Dear Mr. Bullard:

On behalf of McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, INC., I hand you an original and five copies of Petition to Intervene in the above-entitled docket with Certificate of Service attached, reciting service upon those in the service list. We ask that the same be filed.

Yours truly,

MAY, ADAM, GERDES & THOMPSON LLP

BY: 

WWM:wsp

Enclosures

cc: service list
William Haas, Esq.

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
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IN THE MATTER OF INTERIM COST ADJUSTMENT
MECHANISM

DOCKET TC97-005

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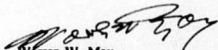
Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:15.02, McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. ("McLeodUSA"), by its undersigned counsel, petitions the Commission as follows:

1. McLeod is a certified communications company under the jurisdiction of the Commission.
2. The Commission has opened this Docket at the request of US West to consider an appropriate Interim Cost Adjustment Mechanism.
3. McLeodUSA has a direct interest in the outcome of this proceeding. McLeodUSA has been authorized and intends, as soon as possible, to offer local service within South Dakota. As such, the outcome of this proceeding will have a direct financial impact upon McLeodUSA and its ability to do business in this state.

WHEREFORE, McLeodUSA prays that the Commission permits its intervention and participation in this proceeding to examine and cross-examine witnesses and offer evidence on its behalf, and to otherwise participate as a party.

Dated this 28th day of January, 1997.

Respectfully submitted,



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SERVICES, INC.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Warren W. May of May, Adam, Gerdes & Thompson LLP hereby certifies that on the 28th day of January, 1997, he mailed by U.S. mail, first class postage thereon prepaid, a true and correct copy of the foregoing in the above-captioned action to the following at their last known addresses, to-wit:

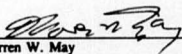
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**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
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VIA AIRBORNE EXPRESS

Mr. William Bullard, Jr.
Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 E. Capitol Avenue, State Capitol
Pierre, SD 57501

Re: Docket No. TC97-005

Dear Mr. Bullard:

Enclosed for filing, please find the original and 11 copies of Sprint's Petition to Intervene in the above-referenced docket. Please return one file-stamped copy in the enclosed envelope.

Thank you for your assistance. Please call me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

Don Low
Donald A. Low

DAL/rsm

Encl.

cc: Service List

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION	)	TC97-005
OF U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC	)	
FOR AN INTERCONNECTION COST	)	SPRINT'S
ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM	)	PETITION TO INTERVENE

Pursuant to §20 10 01 15 02 of the Commission's rules, Sprint Communications Company L.P.(Sprint) hereby petitions to intervene in the above captioned matter. In support of its request, Sprint states as follows:

1. Sprint is currently a provider of interexchange telecommunications services in South Dakota and has filed an application for authority to provide local exchange and exchange access services in Docket No. TC96-156. Sprint intends to provide such services pursuant to the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Act") as a competitive Local Exchange Carrier ("CLEC").

2. U S WEST's proposes in its Application herein to establish a mechanism to recover certain alleged costs of compliance with the Act from CLEC's. Consequently, Sprint is interested in, and will be affected by, the outcome of this proceeding.

3. Sprint has not yet developed comprehensive positions regarding U S WEST's Application. However, Sprint generally believes that the request is premature in view of the facts that U S WEST has not appeared to have identified the specific costs at issue and various decisions affecting the recovery of those costs, including the FCC's decisions on Universal Service and the South Dakota Commission arbitration decisions, have yet to be made.

WHEREFORE, Sprint prays that it be allowed to intervene in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,
Sprint Communications Company L.P.



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Certificate of Service

The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing was served by mailing a copy,
postage prepaid, on this 24th day of January 1997, to

William Heaston
Chief Counsel
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Denver, CO 80202



**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 COST ADJUSTMENT)
MECHANISM)

ORDER GRANTING
INTERVENTION

TC97-005

On January 14, 1997, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from U S WEST Communications, Inc., (U S WEST) seeking to allow U S WEST to implement an Interconnection Cost Adjustment Mechanism (ICAM) for a defined 36-month period. According to the application, "The ICAM is limited to one time, extraordinary or start-up costs for systems modifications or development, network rearrangements and business office processes effectively mandated by the Telecommunications Act of 1996 for the convenience of and use by U S WEST's competitors, and to facilitate U S WEST's existing customers' ability to choose a different local exchange service provider. Because no current or proposed rate or charge will provide an opportunity for U S WEST to recover all of these extraordinary, one-time or start-up costs, U S WEST proposes the ICAM to recover the totality of such costs." U S WEST has requested expeditious Commission treatment of this application.

An intervention deadline of January 31, 1997, was established and Dakota Cooperative Telecommunications, Inc. (DCT), its subsidiaries Dakota Telecommunications Systems, Inc. (DTS) and Dakota Telecom, Inc. (DTI), PAM Communications (PAM), MCI Telecommunications Corporation (MCI), McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. (McLeodUSA), Sprint Communications Company L.P. (Sprint), AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. (AT&T), and Midco Communications, Inc. (Midco) have timely filed petitions to intervene.

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

At its regularly scheduled meeting of February 11, 1997, 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 DCT, DTS, DTI, PAM, MCI, McLeodUSA, Sprint, AT&T, and Midco are granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 20th day of February, 1997.

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 Arlene Kalko

Date 2/21/97

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

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PAM NELSON, Commissioner

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LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner

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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
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March 13, 1997

Mr. William Bullard, Jr.
Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
State of South Dakota
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

**Re: U S WEST Communications, Inc.'s Application for an Interconnection
Cost Adjustment Mechanism
Docket No. TC97-005**

Dear Mr. Bullard:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket is an original and one copy of an Order Admitting Non-Resident Attorney executed by the Sixth Judicial Circuit Court, admitting William P. Heaston on behalf of U S WEST Communications, Inc.

Please file stamp the enclosed extra copy and return to me in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope in order to acknowledge receipt. Thank you.

Yours truly,



Marjorie Burns
Legal Secretary

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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)
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IN CIRCUIT COURT
SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
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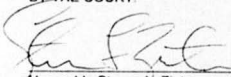
IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION) TC97-005
OF U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.) ORDER ADMITTING
FOR AN INTERCONNECTION COST) NON-RESIDENT ATTORNEY
ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM)

It is hereby

ORDERED that the Motion for Admission for William P. Heaston, a non-resident attorney, to appear on behalf of U S WEST Communications, Inc., before the Public Utilities Commission and this Court relating to this matter is granted.

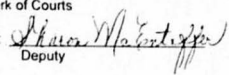
Dated: February 14, 1997.

BY THE COURT:


Honorable Steven V. Zinter
Circuit Court Judge
Sixth Judicial Circuit

ATTEST:

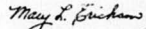
Mary L. Erickson
Clerk of Courts

BY: 
Deputy

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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
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 CLERK
By _____ Deputy

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY U S WEST	)	ORDER FOR AND NOTICE
COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF	)	OF PROCEDURAL
AN INTERCONNECTION COST ADJUSTMENT	)	SCHEDULE AND HEARING
MECHANISM	)	TC97-005

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The procedural schedule for testimony and a hearing on this matter shall be as follows:

DATE	PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE
April 25, 1997	U S WEST prefiled testimony due
May 9, 1997	Staff and Intervenor prefiled testimony due
May 16, 1997	U S WEST rebuttal testimony due
May 29, 1997	Hearing commencing at 9:00 a.m. in LCR-1, Pierre, South Dakota

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 1-26 and 49-31. The Commission may rely upon any or all of these or other laws of this state in making its determination.

The issue at the hearing is whether U S WEST's application seeking to allow U S WEST to implement an Interconnection Cost Adjustment Mechanism (ICAM) for a defined 36-month period shall be granted.

The public is invited to participate by testifying at the hearing. All persons so testifying will be subject to cross-examination by the parties. The order of the proceeding will be in the following sequence: (1) Applicant; (2) Intervenor; (3) Staff.

The hearing is an adversary proceeding conducted pursuant to SDCL Chapter 1-26. All parties have the right to attend and represent themselves or be represented by an attorney. However, such rights and other due process rights shall be forfeited if not exercised at the hearing. If you or your representative fail to appear at the time and place set for the hearing, the Final Decision will be based solely on testimony and evidence provided, if any, during the hearing or a Final Decision may be issued by default pursuant to SDCL 1-26-20.

The Commission, after examining the evidence and hearing testimony presented by the parties, shall make Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and a Final Decision. As a result of the hearing the Commission may either approve or reject the application seeking to allow U S WEST to implement an Interconnection Cost Adjustment Mechanism (ICAM) for a defined 36-month period. The Final Decision made by the Commission may be appealed by the parties to the Circuit Court and the South Dakota Supreme Court as provided by law. It is therefore

ORDERED that a hearing shall be held on the application seeking to allow U S WEST to implement an Interconnection Cost Adjustment Mechanism (ICAM) for a defined 36-month period at the time and place specified above.

Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, this hearing is being held in a physically accessible location. Please contact the Public Utilities Commission at 1-800-332-1782 at least 48 hours prior to the hearing if you have special needs so arrangements can be made to accommodate you.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 11 day of April, 1997.

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>Arlaine Kalbo</u>
Date	<u>4/11/97</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:
Commissioners Burg, Nelson and
Schoenfelder

William Bullard
WILLIAM BULLARD, JR.
Executive Director

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Denver, Colorado 80202
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William P. Heaston
Senior Attorney

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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION

VIA FACSIMILE & OVER-NIGHT DELIVERY

April 17, 1997

Mr. William Bullard, Jr.
Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
State of South Dakota
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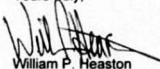
**Re: In the Matter of the Filing by U S WEST Communications, Inc. for
Approval of An Interconnection Cost Adjustment Mechanism
Docket No. TC97-00/5**

Dear Mr. Bullard:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket is an original and nine (9) copies of U S WEST's REQUEST TO EXTEND TIME.

Please file stamp an extra copy, enclosed, and return to me in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope. Thank you.

Yours truly,



William P. Heaston

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IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY U S WEST)
COMMUNICATIONS, INC., FOR APPROVAL OF) TC97-005
AN INTERCONNECTION COST ADJUSTMENT)
MECHANISM.)

REQUEST TO EXTEND TIME

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On April 11, 1997, the Commission issued its procedural order in this docket. The order requires filing of testimony by U S WEST Communications, Inc. ("U S WEST") on April 25, 1997, and sets a hearing date for May 29, 1997. For the reasons stated hereafter, U S WEST requests that the procedural schedule be extended by two to three weeks:

1. The undersigned counsel for U S WEST and its retained local counsel are currently engaged in attempting to complete the negotiation and signing of a contract with AT&T of the Midwest, Inc. ("AT&T") to implement the Commission's decisions as the Arbitrator in Docket No. TC96-184. Although the filing of the contract is to occur on April 21, 1997, the filing will not represent a complete, signed contract. Additional negotiations over the next several weeks, under the supervision of the Commission as Arbitrator, are probably necessary to accomplish that task as expeditiously as possible. That effort will make it extremely difficult for U S WEST's representatives to prepare testimony and to prepare for the hearing.

2. The hearing scheduled for May 29, 1997, conflicts with a two-week hearing (May 27 - June 6) in Wyoming which has been scheduled for some time. The undersigned counsel is lead counsel in that hearing, as well as lead counsel for U S WEST in this case.

Accordingly, U S WEST would request a delay in the procedural schedule of two to three weeks to allow U S WEST to complete the arbitrated agreement with AT&T, and to allow the undersigned the ability to represent U S WEST in this matter.

Respectfully submitted this 17th day of April, 1997.

U S WEST Communications, Inc.



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I hereby certify that an original and ten copies of the above **REQUEST TO EXTEND TIME** of U S WEST Communications, Inc. was sent via facsimile and overnight delivery on the 17th day of April, 1997, to the following:

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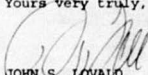
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BY U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	)	
TO ALLOW IMPLEMENTATION OF AN	)	
INTERCONNECTION COST ADJUSTMENT	)	
MECHANISM (ICAM)	)	

**MOTION FOR PERMISSION TO SERVE AT&T COMMUNICATIONS OF
THE MIDWEST, INC.'S FIRST SET OF DATA REQUESTS AND
REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS ON
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AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. (AT&T), hereby moves pursuant to SDCL 1-26-19.2, and ARSD 20:10:01:22:01 for permission to serve its First Set of Data Requests and Requests for Production of Documents on U S WEST Communications, Inc. ("U S WEST") and for an Order requiring U S WEST to file and serve its answers and responses within a shortened response time, which will allow consideration of the responses sufficiently in advance of the date set for prefiling of testimony, which is May 9, 1997.

AT&T's First Data Requests and Requests for Production of Documents are filed herewith.

DATED April 18, 1997

Respectfully submitted,

AT&T Communications of the Midwest,
Inc.

By: _____

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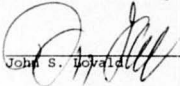
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U S WEST DATA REQUESTS

ICAM

I. ICAM COST STUDIES

- ICS-1. Please provide all cost studies upon which you rely in support of your request to recover ICAM costs or any other cost you contend is at issue in this proceeding. Also produce copies of all executive summaries, workpapers, algorithms, assumptions, backup detail, primary and secondary sources, and other documents that form the basis or provide support for any of the costs or assumptions used by the cost studies.
- ICS-2. For each ICAM cost study provided in Data Request No. ICS-1, do you contend that each cost study's time estimates and probabilities were developed assuming the most efficient flow-through provisioning Operational Support Systems? If so, please produce all documents that support your contention.
- ICS-3. For each ICAM cost study provided in Data Request No. ICS-1, do you contend that each cost study's time estimates and probabilities were developed assuming Operational Support Systems that are based on the TMN Industry Standards as defined in Bellcore's GR-2869-CORE, Issue 1; Generic

Requirements for Operations Based on the Telecommunications Management Network Architecture (TMN)? If so, please produce all documents that support your contention.

- ICS-4. For each cost study provided in response to Data Request No. 1, please provide copies of all source documents (e.g., time and motion studies, samples, product management estimates, etc.) for time estimates and probabilities used to determine the manual fall-out (i.e., an order that requires manual processing because of errors on the individual orders, inaccurate data base information, in-operabilities between operational support systems) rates.
- ICS-5. To the extent that the cost studies you have produced in response to Data Request No. 1 use labor rates to estimate the costs, please provide all backup workpapers, primary and secondary sources, algorithms, etc. used to develop the labor rates.
- ISC-6. For each cost study provided in response to Data Request No. 1, do you contend that the cost study's time estimates and probabilities were developed assuming the most efficient remote testing (e.g., SARTS/SMAS, MLT, HLI, ITS or TDIL,

Predictor/ACE/CRAS, CAROT, etc.). If so, please produce all documents that support your contention.

- ISC-7. For each cost study provided in response to Data Request No. 1, please describe how the costs you seek to recover were assigned or allocated to South Dakota for recovery and why such costs were assigned or allocated to South Dakota rather than other jurisdictions. Also, please produce all documents, backup data, workpapers, algorithms, etc. used to assign or allocate the costs between the states or other jurisdictions.
- ISC-8. For each cost study provided in response to Data Request No. 1, please state whether costs have been assigned or allocated to the interstate jurisdiction and, if so, describe the method used to perform the assignment or allocation. Also, please produce all backup data, workpapers, algorithms, etc. used to assign or allocate costs to the interstate jurisdiction.
- ISC-9. Do the cost studies produced in response to Data Request No. 1 estimate that U S WEST will add capacity for any of the following facilities:
- a. End Office Switching;

- b. Feeder;
- c. Distribution;
- d. Interoffice Transport;
- e. Operational Support Systems; and
- f. Tandem Switching.

If so, please produce all market studies, surveys, workpapers, backup data, algorithms, or other documents that indicate the method used by U S WEST to estimate the demand for the facilities for which U S WEST intends to increase capacity.

ISC-10. Are any of the costs you seek to recover in this proceeding based upon what you contend to be actual expenditures by U S WEST? If so, and to the extent you have not produced this information in response to Data Request No. 1, please provide the following:

- a. Describe the nature of each such cost incurred;
- b. Produce all studies, internal memoranda, correspondence and other documents that discuss the costs incurred by U S WEST, the necessity of incurring such costs, and alternatives considered by U S WEST.

c. Produce all accounting documents, time records, invoices, billings, and other documents that substantiate U S WEST's contentions regarding actual costs it seeks to recover in this proceeding.

ISC -11. Please provide US WEST's actual construction expenditures for 1994, 1995, and 1996, and US WEST's construction budget for 1997, and 1998.

ISC-12. Based on the costs US WEST seeks to recover in this proceeding, please provide documentation demonstrating how these network rearrangements and business office process modifications will only benefit CLECs and not US WEST customers.

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY U S WEST	) AMENDED ORDER FOR
COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF	) AND NOTICE OF
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MECHANISM	) AND HEARING
	) TC97-005

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The procedural schedule for testimony and a hearing on this matter shall be as follows:

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Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 24 day of April, 1997.

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Date

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To: Parties of Record in Docket TC97-005

From: William Bullard *WB*

Re: Revision Contained in Second Amended Order for and Notice
of Procedural Schedule and Hearing in TC97-005

Please note that the due date specified in the Second Amended Order for and Notice of Procedural Schedule and Hearing in TC97-005 dated April 25, 1997, for Staff and Intervenor prefiled testimony has been changed to May 23, 1997. This is the only revision to the previously issued Amended Order for and Notice of Procedural Schedule and Hearing dated April 24, 1997.

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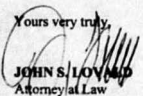
Dear Mr. Bullard:

I am writing to supplement our conversations of yesterday concerning the amended Order which has been issued by the Commission rescheduling the ICAM hearings.

In fully reviewing the proposed schedule with all of the AT&T personnel that will be involved in this hearing process, we feel we minimally need a due date for pre-filed testimony no earlier than June 6, 1997.

I am hoping you will be able to accommodate this request.

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cc: Glenn Solomon

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At an ad hoc April 28, 1997, meeting, the Commission considered the positions of the parties.

The Commission, having jurisdiction in this matter, hereby

ORDERS that U S WEST shall respond to the interrogatories and document requests of AT&T which were attached to its motion and which have been filed in this docket and further

ORDERS that answers and requested documents shall be furnished by May 5, 1997.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 2nd day of May, 1997.

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By

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IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY U S WEST	)	ORDER SUSPENDING
COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF	)	PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE
AN INTERCONNECTION COST ADJUSTMENT	)	AND HEARING
MECHANISM	)	TC97-005

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 2nd day of May, 1997.

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

Date:

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.
Commissioners Burg, Nelson and
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WILLIAM BULLARD, JR.
Executive Director

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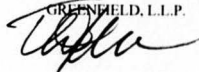
Re: In the Matter of the Application by U S West Communications, Inc. to Allow Implementation
of an Interconnection Cost Adjustment Mechanism (ICAM) (TC97-005)
Our File No. 2104-97-005

Dear Mr. Bullard:

Enclosed please find for filing our firm's original Notice of Appearance in this matter together with
the Certificate of Service.

Sincerely yours,

BOYCE, MURPHY, McDOWELL &
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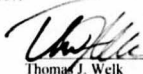
**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION BY	)	
U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. TO	)	TC97-005
ALLOW IMPLEMENTATION OF AN	)	
INTERCONNECTION COST ADJUSTMENT	)	NOTICE OF APPEARANCE
MECHANISM (ICAM)	)	

TO: AT&T COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MIDWEST, INC., AND ITS ATTORNEYS, JOHN S. LOVALD, MARY TRIBBY, MARIA-ARIAS CHAPLEAU, RICHARD S. WOLTERS AND GLENN E. SOLOMON, SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY L.P. AND ITS ATTORNEYS, DONALD A. LOW, RICHARD P. TIESZEN AND THOMAS H. HARMON, PAM COMMUNICATIONS AND ITS ATTORNEY, DEBORAH A. HATHAWAY, MIDCO COMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND ITS VICE-PRESIDENT, W. TOM SIMMONS, McLEODUSA TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC. AND ITS ATTORNEYS, WARREN W. MAY AND WILLIAM A. HAAS, MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORP., AND ITS ATTORNEY, DAVID A. GERDES, DAKOTA COOPERATIVE TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC., DAKOTA TELECOM, INC. AND DAKOTA TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS, INC., AND ITS ATTORNEY, ROBERT G. MARMET, AND THE SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION, AND ITS ATTORNEY, CAMRON HOSECK.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned now also appear as attorneys of record for
U S West Communications, Inc., in the above-captioned matter.

Dated this 12th day of May, 1997.



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I, Thomas J. Welk, do hereby certify that I am a member of the law firm of Boyce, Murphy, McDowell & Greenfield, and on the 12th day of May, 1997, I mailed a true and correct copy of Notice of Appearance to the following by U.S. mail, postage prepaid thereon.

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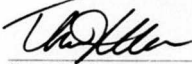
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Mr. William Bullard, Jr.
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500 East Capitol Avenue
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RE: TC97-005 (South Dakota ICAM Filing)

Dear Mr. Bullard:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket is an original and ten (10) copies of U.S. WEST's responses to Data Request Nos. 1 through 12.

Yours truly,

William P. Heaston
(DWH)
William P. Heaston

Enclosures

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I hereby certify that an original and ten copies of the responses to Data Request Nos. 1 through 12 of U S WEST Communications, Inc. was sent via overnight delivery on the 19th day of May, 1997, to the following:

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AT&T Communications

DATA REQUEST

DATE: 04/18/97
DOCKET NO: TC97-005
REQUEST NO: 01 - 0001

REQUEST:

Please provide all cost studies upon which you rely in support of your request to recover ICAM costs or any other cost you contend is at issue in this proceeding. Also produce copies of all executive summaries, workpapers, algorithms, assumptions, backup detail, primary and secondary sources, and other documents that form the basis or provide support for any of the costs or assumptions used by the cost studies.

RESPONSE:

U S WEST Communications' request to recover ICAM costs is based on actual incurred costs, not cost studies.

State Of South Dakota

AT&T Communications

DATA REQUEST

DATE: 04/18/97
DOCKET NO: TC97-005
REQUEST NO: 01 - 0002

REQUEST:

For each ICAM cost study provided in Data Request No. 1, do you contend that each cost study's time estimates and probabilities were developed assuming the most efficient flow-through provisioning Operational Support Systems? If so, please produce all documents that support your contention.

RESPONSE:

See the response to Data Request No. 1.

State Of South Dakota

AT&T Communications

DATA REQUEST

DATE: 04/18/97
DOCKET NO: TC97-005
REQUEST NO: 01 - 0003

REQUEST:

For each ICAM cost study provided in Data Request No. 1, do you contend that each cost study's time estimates and probabilities were developed assuming Operational Support Systems that are based on the TMN Industry Standards as defined in Bellcore's GR-2869-CORE, Issue 1; Generic Requirements for Operations Based on the Telecommunications Management Network Architecture (TMN)? If so, please produce all documents that support your contention.

RESPONSE:

See the response to Data Request No. 1.

State Of South Dakota

AT&T Communications

DATA REQUEST

DATE: 04/18/97
DOCKET NO: TC97-005
REQUEST NO: 01 - 0004

REQUEST:

For each cost study provided in response to Data Request No. 1, please provide copies of all source documents (e.g., time and motion studies, samples, product management estimates, etc.) for time estimates and probabilities used to determine the manual fall-out (i.e., an order that requires manual processing because of errors on the individual orders, inaccurate data base information, in-operabilities between operational support systems) rates.

RESPONSE:

See the response to Data Request No. 1.

State Of South Dakota

AT&T Communications

DATA REQUEST

DATE: 04/18/97
DOCKET NO: TC97-005
REQUEST NO: 01 - 0005

REQUEST:

To the extent that the cost studies you have produced in response to Data Request No. 1 use labor rates to estimate the costs, please provide all backup workpapers, primary and secondary sources, algorithms, etc. used to develop the labor rates.

RESPONSE:

See the response to Data Request No. 1.

State Of South Dakota

AT&T Communications

DATA REQUEST

DATE: 04/18/97
DOCKET NO: TC97-005
REQUEST NO: 01 - 0006

REQUEST:

For each cost study provided in response to Data Request No. 1, do you contend that the cost study's time estimates and probabilities were developed assuming the most efficient remote testing (e.g., SARTS/SMAS, MLT, NLI, ITS or TDIL, Predictor/ACE/CRAS, CAROT, etc.). If so, please produce all documents that support your contention.

RESPONSE:

See the response to Data Request No. 1.

State Of South Dakota

AT&T Communications

DATA REQUEST

DATE: 04/18/97
DOCKET NO: TC97-005
REQUEST NO: 01 - 0007

REQUEST:

For each cost study provided in response to Data Request No. 1, please describe how the costs you seek to recover were assigned or allocated to South Dakota for recovery and why such costs were assigned or allocated to South Dakota rather than other jurisdictions. Also, please produce all documents, backup data, workpapers, algorithms, etc. used to assign or allocate the costs between the states or other jurisdictions.

RESPONSE:

See the response to Data Request No. 1.

State Of South Dakota

AT&T Communications

DATA REQUEST

DATE: 04/18/97
DOCKET NO: TC97-005
REQUEST NO: 01 - 0008

REQUEST:

For each cost study provided in response to Data Request No. 1, please state whether costs have been assigned or allocated to the interstate jurisdiction and, if so, describe the method used to perform the assignment or allocation. Also, please produce all backup data, workpapers, algorithms, etc. used to assign or allocate costs to the interstate jurisdiction.

RESPONSE:

See the response to Data Request No. 1.

State Of South Dakota

AT&T Communications

DATA REQUEST

DATE: 04/18/97
DOCKET NO: TC97-005
REQUEST NO: 01 - 0009

REQUEST:

Do the cost studies produced in response to Data Request No. 1 estimate that U S WEST will add capacity for any of the following facilities:

- a. End Office Switching;
- b. Feeder;
- c. Distribution;
- d. Interoffice Transport;
- e. Operational Support Systems; and
- f. Tandem Switching.

If so, please produce all market studies, surveys, workpapers, backup data, algorithms, or other documents that indicate the method used by U S WEST to estimate the demand for the facilities for which U S WEST intends to increase capacity.

RESPONSE:

See the response to Data Request No. 1.

State Of South Dakota

AT&T Communications

DATA REQUEST

DATE: 04/18/97
DOCKET NO: TC97-005
REQUEST NO: 01 - 0010

REQUEST:

Are any of the costs you seek to recover in this proceeding based upon what you contend to be actual expenditures by U S WEST? If so, and to the extent you have not produced this information in response to Data Request No. 1, please provide the following:

- a. Describe the nature of each such cost incurred;
- b. Produce all studies, internal memoranda, correspondence and other documents that discuss the costs incurred by U S WEST, the necessity of incurring such costs, and alternatives considered by U S WEST; and
- c. Produce all accounting documents, time records, invoices, billings, and other documents that substantiate U S WEST's contentions regarding actual costs it seeks to recover in this proceeding.

RESPONSE:

The costs U S WEST is seeking to recover in this proceeding will be based on actual expenditures.

- a. Incurred costs include expense dollars and capital dollars. Salaries, travel costs, training costs, software licenses and office supplies comprise expense dollars. These costs are associated with the people who are involved in interconnection projects, such as project managers, programmers, requirements analysts, testers and other technical personnel. Equipment costs, such as servers and personal computers, comprise capital dollars. The specific details of these costs relative to the actual incurred costs in 1996 will be provided in response to part b. when available.
- b. This information is being accumulated and will be provided as soon as it is available.
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AT&T Communications

DATA REQUEST

DATE: 04/18/97
DOCKET NO: TC97-005
REQUEST NO: 01 - 0011

REQUEST:

Please provide U S WEST's actual construction expenditures for 1994, 1995, and 1996, and U S WEST's construction budget for 1997 and 1998.

RESPONSE:

RESPONSE CONTAINS CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Listed below is the South Dakota actual gross construction expenditures for 1994, 1995 and 1996.

1994	\$28,543,000
1995	\$30,525,000
1996	\$43,142,000

The gross construction expenditures budget for 1997 and 1998 are presently:

1997	\$40,482,000
1998	\$39,155,000

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State Of South Dakota

AT&T Communications

DATA REQUEST

DATE: 04/18/97
DOCKET NO: TC97-005
REQUEST NO: 01 - 0012

REQUEST:

Based on the costs U S WEST seeks to recover in this proceeding, please provide documentation demonstrating how these network rearrangements and business office process modifications will only benefit CLECs and not U S WEST customers.

RESPONSE:

Absent the federal Telecommunications Act, these costs would not be incurred. U S WEST's South Dakota customers today receive telephone service without the need for these rearrangements and modifications. Therefore, they will receive no benefit from these changes.

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RE: TC97-005 (South Dakota ICAM Filing)

Dear Mr. Bullard:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket is an original and ten (10) copies of U S WEST's supplemental response to Data Request No. 10.

Yours truly,

William P. Heaston
(D.H.)
William P. Heaston

Enclosures

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that an original and ten copies of the supplemental response to Data Request No. 10 of U S WEST Communications, Inc. was sent via overnight delivery on the 28th day of May, 1997, to the following:

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AT&T Communications

DATA REQUEST

DATE: 04/18/97
DOCKET NO: TC97-005
REQUEST NO: 01 - 0010

REQUEST:

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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE (dated 5/28/97):

ATTACHMENTS CONTAIN CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

- c. See Attachment C for actual costs and supporting detail for actual costs incurred for system start-up costs during the first quarter of 1997.

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U S WEST Communications
Systems Start-Up Costs
YTD March 1997
Total Company
(Whole Dollars)

Project	Project Description	Initiative	March			Capital	March YTD			Capital
			Wage/Sal	Exp	Total Exp		Wage/Sal	Exp	Total Exp	
14132ZZ	Interconnect LIS	LIS	201,325		201,325		287,768		287,768	
12847ZZ	Interconnect TN Port	No Portability	34,880	341	35,221		59,702	341	60,043	
12747AP	ALOC-CNUM	No Portability	463,903	79,502	543,405		1,114,648	309,462	1,424,110	
B6B0040	DRT Conversion	No Portability		12,134	12,134			71,009	71,009	
B6B0041	ALOC/LFAC Two Way Int	No Portability		234,916	234,916			577,047	577,047	
12730AP	Interconnect System Planning	Planning	385,227	328,585	713,812		916,901	807,302	1,724,203	
12751ZZ	Interconnect Resale	Resale	233,306	13,282	246,588		604,790	14,482	619,272	
13024ZZ	Interconnect Security	Systems Access	567,657	1,708,824	2,276,481	7,951	1,372,404	1,757,339	3,129,743	14,471
12848ZZ	Interconnect Unbundling	Unbundling	126,160	56	126,216		187,162	65	187,227	
	Totals		2,012,458	2,377,640	4,390,098	7,951	4,543,375	3,537,047	8,080,422	14,471

Allocate Planning

	Mar YTD	% of Total	Planning Allocation	Totals
Resale	619,272	9.74%	167,985	787,257
Unbundling	187,227	2.95%	50,788	238,015
LNP	2,132,209	33.55%	578,388	2,710,597
LIS	287,768	4.53%	78,061	365,829
Systems Access	3,129,743	49.24%	848,981	3,978,724
	6,356,219	100.00%	1,724,203	8,080,422

Note

LIS - Local Interconnect Service
LNP - Permanent or Long Term Number Portability

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SOUTH DAKOTA
TC97-005
QUESTION # 10
ATTACHMENT C

U S WEST Communications
Systems Start-Up Costs
1st Qtr. 1997
South Dakota
(\$000)

Category	Total Company	Percent S. Dak.	Total State	Percent Intra	Intra- state
Resale	787.2	1.75%	13.8	68.16%	9.4
Unbundling	238.0	1.75%	4.2	68.16%	2.8
LIS	365.8	1.75%	6.4	68.16%	4.4
Systems Access	<u>3,978.7</u>	1.75%	<u>69.5</u>	68.16%	<u>47.4</u>
Subtotals	5,369.7		93.9		64.0
Long Term Number Portability (LNP) (Note)	2,710.6	1.75%	47.4	68.16%	32.3
Totals	8,080.3		141.2		96.3

Note: Amount requested for recovery may change as a result of the outcome of the current permanent number portability docket before the FCC.

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INTERCONNECT HOURS SUMMARY

per hour		12730AP	12751ZZ	14132ZZ	13024ZZ	12847ZZ	12846ZZ	12747AP	TOTAL
69		13,288.42	8,760.91	4,160.75	19,889.91	865.25	2,712.49	12,967.91	
41		0.00	7.00	16.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,362.50	
		13,288.42	8,767.91	4,177.25	19,889.91	865.25	2,712.49	18,330.41	
		\$ 916,900.98	\$ 604,789.79	\$ 287,768.25	\$ 1,372,403.79	\$ 59,702.25	\$ 187,161.81	\$ 1,114,648.29	\$ 4,543,375.16
JAN	M/L	3,402.00	2,880.33	288.00	5,605.00	109.25	345.00	3,184.33	15,813.91
	O		7.00					1,331.00	
FEB	M/L	4,303.42	2,499.33	955.00	6,058.00	250.50	539.08	4,353.33	18,958.66
	O							1,855.50	
MARCH	M/L	5,583.00	3,381.25	2,917.75	8,226.91	505.50	1,828.41	5,430.25	27,873.07
	O			16.50				2,176.00	
TOTAL		13,288.42	8,767.91	4,177.25	19,889.91	865.25	2,712.49	18,330.41	68,031.64

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 NORTH: PROJECT HOURS REPORT
 BAI NAME: FEBRUARY
 PROJECT NUMBER: Interconnect
 PROJECT MANAGER: INTERCONNECT
 PROJECT DESCRIPTION: INTERCONNECT L
 EXPENSE TYPE: Client Funding-Corporate Program

EMPLOYEE NAME	PC CODE	STATUS	HEADCOUNT	PROJECT HOURS
WHEELER, JOHN	172NL3780	N	840	9.50
WILCOX, MARTIN	172NL3100	N	814	2.00
WEIGHT, CAROL	172NL3100	N	875	955.00

STATUS
 L: LEASED WORKER
 I: INTERN
 O: OCCUPATIONAL
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PROJECT HOURS REPORT

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Interconnection

BIL NAME:

INTERCONNECTION

PROJECT MANAGER:

JON/ZEN

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Interconnect TN Portability

EXPENSE TYPE:

Client Funding-Corporate Program

EMPLOYEE NAME	RC CODE	STATUS	HEADCOUNT	PROJECT HOURS
ANDRES, ANITA	172803180	M	.895	13.25
BEATTIE, JOHN	171945080	M	.252	35.68
BRENNAN, CRYSTAL	171945080	M	.887	1.00
HARRIS, LISA	171945080	M	.826	4.08
HUEN, ROBERT	172803180	M	.299	41.58
KATZ, JESSICA	172803180	M	.814	2.00
LAMCASTER, JALIE	171945080	M	.828	9.08
NADISON, JONI	172803180	M	.231	32.08
ROTH, RICK	177802180	M	.231	32.08
WILL, JAMES	172803180	M	.231	32.08
ZIMMERMAN, ALAN	172803180	M	1.083	236.38

STATUS
1: LEASED WORKER
2: INTERN
3: MANAGEMENT/NTS
4: OCCUPATIONAL
P: PWA

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PROJECT MILES REPORT
JANUARY
SALE NAME: Information
PROJECT NUMBER: 127674P
PROJECT NAME: BAYLE
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: ALAC-COMM
EXPENSE TYPE: Client Funding-Corporate Program

EMPLOYEE NAME	RC CODE	STATUS	HEADCOUNT	PROJECT
SRINIVAS, NAGAN	1779611488	H	231	32.00
THIEL, LARRY	1779611488	H	.043	4.00
WILSON, AVIS	1779611488	L	1.382	53.00
WILSON, TIM VEE	1779611488	H	1.115	21.00
WILSON, SCOTT	1779611488	O	1.049	254.00
WILSON, JANE	1779611488	H	.578	89.00
WEAVER, SHARON	1779611488	H	32.001	326.00
				9,315.33

STATUS
L: LEASED WORKER
P: PART
O: OCCASIONAL
P: PMA

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4/16/93	MARCH
WFA8001-01	Interconnection
MONTH:	12736AP
BILL NAME:	MOTILAKKI
PROJECT NUMBER:	12736AP
PROJECT MANAGER:	LEWIS M
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	Legislative Impact Planning
EXPENSE TYPE:	Client Funding-Corporate Program

EMPLOYEE NAME	BC CODE	STATUS	HEADCOUNT	PROJECT HOURS
			31.247	5,543.00

STATUS
L: LEASED WORKER
I: INTERM
M: MANAGEMENT/MTS
O: OCCUPATIONAL
P: PMAS

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WFA0091-01
MONTH: JANUARY
PROJECT: U.S. WEST COMMUNICATIONS
PROJECT NUMBER: 1278122
PROJECT MANAGER: THOMPSON
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Client Funding-Corporate Program
EXPENSE TYPE: L

EMPLOYEE NAME	PC CODE	STATUS	HEADCOUNT	PROJECT
SMITH, ROSA	172000500	L	1,090	352.00
SHANNON, PEGGY	172000700	M	1,072	18.00
SMITH, ROBIN	172000700	M	814	7.00
SHREVE, THERESA	172000900	M	1,048	29.50
TELLER, MATTHEW	172000900	M	423	5.00
WALKER, ROBIN	172000900	M	816	2.00
WILSON, LLOYD, NANCY	172000900	M	1,156	34.25
WILLIAMS, PAMELA	172000900	L	267	37.00
WILLIAMS, CANDACE	172000900	L	420	67.00
WILLIAMS, MICHAEL	172000900	L	437	49.50
WILLIAMS, JENNIFER	172000900	L	277	31.00
WILLIAMS, DAVID	172000900	L	277	31.00
WILLIAMS, VICTORIA	172000900	M	618	2.50
WILLIAMS, JENNIFER	172000900	M	493	4.00
WILLIAMS, ALAN	172000900	M	278	18.50
WILLIAMS, DAVID	172000900	M	29,003	2,007.35

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L: LEASED WORKER
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M: MANAGEMENT/OTS
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 ALL NAME: Interconnection
 PROJECT NUMBER: 1000000000
 PROJECT MANAGER: THOMPSON
 PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Interconnect Basis
 EMPLOYEE TYPE: Client Funding Corporate Program

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EMPLOYEE NAME	HC CODE	STATUS	HEADCOUNT	PROJECT HOURS
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ZIMMERMAN, ALAN	TF2000200	W	.000	16.50
			19.494	5,361.75

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MONTH: APRIL 1997

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1387522
KABACHUS, MICHELEMAN C
Interconnect System Access
Client Funding-Corporate Programs
EXPENSE TYPE:

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STATUS: LEASED WORKER
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L2: MANAGEMENT/MTS
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 WA1991-01
 MONTH
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 PROJECT MONTH REPORT
 MATCH
 INTERCOMPREHENSION
 PROJECT MANAGER: KARANJAN MCHENJAN
 PROJECT MANAGER: KARANJAN MCHENJAN
 PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Interconnect Security
 EMPLOYEE TYPE: Client Funding-Corporate Program

EMPLOYEE NAME	RC CODE	STATUS	HEADCOUNT	PROJECT HOURS
ZIGLER, JOHN	TF180240	N	292	338.00
ZORN, SONIL	TF180400	L	47	221.00
				6,226.51

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 12 MANAGEMENT/ITS
 13 SECURITY/Secur
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PROJECT:
Program:
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PROJECT NUMBER:
194222 Intervention In Portability
Intervention
Client Funding Corporate Program
Thompson, JEFFRY

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PROJECT DIRECT EXPENSES	EXPENSE DESCRIPTION	EXPENSE AMOUNT	EXPENSE DATE	EXPENSE ACCOUNT NAME	BIC	BIC	VENUE NAME	INVOICE NUMBER	AMOUNT
TRAVEL	LIMPAC29	9783	05/24/88	MEATIE .JON V	17780488	17780488	MEATIE .JON V	238228718	286.20
TRAVEL	LIMPAC29	9783	05/24/88	MEATIE .JON V	17780488	17780488	MEATIE .JON V	238228718	5.18
TRAVEL	LIMPAC29	9783	05/24/88	MEATIE .JON V	17780488	17780488	MEATIE .JON V	238228718	5.18
TRAVEL	LIMPAC29	9783	05/24/88	MEATIE .JON V	17780488	17780488	MEATIE .JON V	238228718	29.18
SUBTOTAL TRAVEL									385.20
PROJECT EXPENSE TOTAL									385.20

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PROJECT DIRECT EXPENSES	EXPENSE NUMBER	EXPENSE DESCRIPTION	EXPENSE DATE	EXPENSE AMOUNT	EXPENSE TYPE	EXPENSE STATUS	EXPENSE REMARKS	EXPENSE DATE	EXPENSE AMOUNT	EXPENSE TYPE	EXPENSE STATUS	EXPENSE REMARKS
OTHER DIRECT EXPENSE	8048824	FEES - 0101										
OTHER DIRECT EXPENSE	8048824	FEES - 0102										
OTHER DIRECT EXPENSE	8048824	FEES - 0103										
SUBTOTAL OTHER DIRECT EXPENSE												
PROJECT EXPENSE TOTAL												

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PROJECT DIRECT EXPENSES	SUMMARY, IN BASE CODE	SOURCE CODE	MONTH	EXPENSE ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT NAME	CYC	RCC	UNIQUE NAME	EMPLOYEE NAME	AMOUNT
TRAVEL	LEG1000	RAP	9702	67241000	177801000	177801000	177801000	MILLER, JAMES L	230100115	76.44
TRAVEL	LEG1000	RAP	9702	67241000	177801000	177801000	177801000	MILLER, JAMES L	230100115	19.89
TRAVEL	LEG1000	RAP	9702	67241000	177801000	177801000	177801000	MILLER, JAMES L	230100115	21.89
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TRAVEL	LEG1000	RAP	9702	67241000	177801000	177801000	177801000	MILLER, JAMES L	230100115	5.43
TRAVEL	LEG1000	RAP	9702	67241000	177801000	177801000	177801000	MILLER, JAMES L	230100115	1.454
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TRAVEL	LEG1000	RAP	9702	67241000	177801000	177801000	177801000	MILLER, JAMES L	230100115	1,129.73
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PROJECT VOUCHER EXPENSE SUMMARY

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TOTAL COSTS: 11.00

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PROJECT:
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1204-22 Interconnect Unbundling
MARCH 1997
Interconnection
Client Funding-Corporate Programs
THOMPSON, JEFFERY

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PROJECT DIRECT EXPENSES	SUBMITTAL NO.	SOURCE	EXPENSE
*****	BSS CODE	CODE	NORTH ACCOUNT
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HARDWARE PRICE	CRI5760	RAP	9783 61261000
SUBTOTAL HARDWARE PRICE			

ACCOUNT NAME

2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	2037	2038	2039	2040	2041	2042	2043	2044	2045	2046	2047	2048	2049	2050	2051	2052	2053	2054	2055	2056	2057	2058	2059	2060	2061	2062	2063	2064	2065	2066	2067	2068	2069	2070	2071	2072	2073	2074	2075	2076	2077	2078	2079	2080	2081	2082	2083	2084	2085	2086	2087	2088	2089	2090	2091	2092	2093	2094	2095	2096	2097	2098	2099	2100	2101	2102	2103	2104	2105	2106	2107	2108	2109	2110	2111	2112	2113	2114	2115	2116	2117	2118	2119	2120	2121	2122	2123	2124	2125	2126	2127	2128	2129	2130	2131	2132	2133	2134	2135	2136	2137	2138	2139	2140	2141	2142	2143	2144	2145	2146	2147	2148	2149	2150	2151	2152	2153	2154	2155	2156	2157	2158	2159	2160	2161	2162	2163	2164	2165	2166	2167	2168	2169	2170	2171	2172	2173	2174	2175	2176	2177	2178	2179	2180	2181	2182	2183	2184	2185	2186	2187	2188	2189	2190	2191	2192	2193	2194	2195	2196	2197	2198	2199	2200	2201	2202	2203	2204	2205	2206	2207	2208	2209	2210	2211	2212	2213	2214	2215	2216	2217	2218	2219	2220	2221	2222	2223	2224	2225	2226	2227	2228	2229	2230	2231	2232	2233	2234	2235	2236	2237	2238	2239	2240	2241	2242	2243	2244	2245	2246	2247	2248	2249	2250	2251	2252	2253	2254	2255	2256	2257	2258	2259	2260	2261	2262	2263	2264	2265	2266	2267	2268	2269	2270	2271	2272	2273	2274	2275	2276	2277	2278	2279	2280	2281	2282	2283	2284	2285	2286	2287	2288	2289	2290	2291	2292	2293	2294	2295	2296	2297	2298	2299	2300	2301	2302	2303	2304	2305	2306	2307	2308	2309	2310	2311	2312	2313	2314	2315	2316	2317	2318	2319	2320	2321	2322	2323	2324	2325	2326	2327	2328	2329	2330	2331	2332	2333	2334	2335	2336	2337	2338	2339	2340	2341	2342	2343	2344	2345	2346	2347	2348	2349	2350	2351	2352	2353	2354	2355	2356	2357	2358	2359	2360	2361	2362	2363	2364	2365	2366	2367	2368	2369	2370	2371	2372	2373	2374	2375	2376	2377	2378	2379	2380	2381	2382	2383	2384	2385	2386	2387	2388	2389	2390	2391	2392	2393	2394	2395	2396	2397	2398	2399	2400	2401	2402	2403	2404	2405	2406	2407	2408</
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PROJECT EXPENSE TOTAL

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**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 COST ADJUSTMENT) MECHANISM)	ORDER TO DISMISS AND CLOSE DOCKET TC97-005
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On January 14, 1997, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from U S WEST Communications, Inc. (U S WEST) seeking to allow U S WEST to implement an Interconnection Cost Adjustment Mechanism (ICAM) for a defined 36-month period. According to the application, "The ICAM is limited to one time, extraordinary or start-up costs for systems modifications or development, network rearrangements and business office processes effectively mandated by the Telecommunications Act of 1996 for the convenience of and use by U S WEST's competitors, and to facilitate U S WEST's existing customers' ability to choose a different local exchange service provider. Because no current or proposed rate or charge will provide an opportunity for U S WEST to recover all of these extraordinary, one-time or start-up costs, U S WEST proposes the ICAM to recover the totality of such costs." U S WEST has requested expeditious Commission treatment of this application. Intervention was granted to the following: Dakota Cooperative Telecommunications, Inc. (DCT), its subsidiaries Dakota Telecommunications Systems, Inc. (DTS) and Dakota Telecom, Inc. (DTI), PAM Communications (PAM), MCI Telecommunications Corporation (MCI), McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. (McLeodUSA), Sprint Communications Company L.P. (Sprint), AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. (AT&T), and Midco Communications, Inc. (Midco). A procedural schedule for prefiled testimony and a hearing date was established. The hearing date was suspended on May 2, 1997.

At its regularly scheduled April 9, 1998, meeting, the Commission considered Staff's request to close the docket due to the lack of action taken on the docket. U S WEST, through its representative Jon Lehnner, reported that action had been delayed in this matter as U S WEST was waiting for a Federal Communications Commission decision related to this matter. Mr. Lehnner did not object to Staff's request to dismiss and close the docket. The Commission unanimously voted to dismiss the filing and close the docket. It is therefore

ORDERED that docket TC97-005 is hereby dismissed and closed.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 20th day of April, 1998.

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 Melanie Kelsa

Date 4/20/98

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

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JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

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PAM NELSON, Commissioner

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LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner