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DOCKET NO.

In the Matter of IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY U
S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR
REVISIONS TO ITS EXCHANGE AND
NETWORK SERVICES TARIFF

Public Utilities Commission of the State of South Dakota

DATE

MEMORANDA

2/20/97 Filed and Docketed (fax received 2/19/97);
2/30/97 T.C. Fax Filing;
3/3/97 Cost Information;
4/9/97 US West's response to Rate Request 01-0005;
10/1/97 Letter to African American Requesters; Additional Information;
11/10/97 US West's response to Rate Request 03-0001;
2/13/98 Order Approving Revisions;
2/13/98 Docket Closed

TC97-017

125 South Dakota Avenue, 8th Floor
Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57194

February 19, 1997

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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION

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

Dear Mr. Bullard:

U S WEST Communications is attaching for filing with the Commission the following pages from our Exchange and Network Services Tariff:

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This filing places the loop portion of the Centrex 21 Analog Station Line in the tariff. Cost information will be sent under separate cover. U S WEST intends to implement this service on March 19, 1997.

We would appreciate acknowledgment of receipt of this filing. A duplicate copy of this letter is attached for your convenience.

Sincerely,



Colleen E. Sevold
Manager-Regulatory Affairs

Attachment

TELECOMMUNICATIONS NEW SERVICES CLASSIFICATION FILING

- 1) Requested Classification: (X) Non-Competitive
() Emerging Competitive
() Fully Competitive
- 2) This service will be offered: (X) Intrastate, IntraLATA
() Intrastate, InterLATA
() Interstate
- 3) Detailed Description of Service: Centrex 21 is an offering targeted to small and medium businesses which incorporates value added voice features and functions in a standard package.
- 4) Reason for Change: This filing places the loop portion of Centrex 21 in the tariff.
- 5) Basis for Rates: Rates are above cost.
- 6) Quantification of Customer Impact: Affects only those customers subscribing to the service.
- 7) Proposed Effective Date: March 19, 1997

U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

Exchange and Network Services Tariff

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9. CENTRAL OFFICE SERVICES

9.1 DIAL SWITCHING SYSTEMS (Cont'd)

9.1.17 CENTREX 21 SERVICE

(N)

A. Centrex 21 Local Transport Facility rates are listed below. The Centrex 21 Analog Station Line listed in 9.1.17 of the Exchange and Network Services Catalog includes the Local Transport Facility. All other information, charges, terms and conditions for Centrex 21 Service are provided in Section 9.1.17 of the Exchange and Network Services Catalog.

B. Local Transport Facility

	MONTH TO MONTH	MONTHLY RATE	
		12 TO 36 MONTHS	37 TO 60 MONTHS
• 3 - 50, lines each	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00

NA	LCI International Telecom Corp. filed to increase the usage rates associated with its Gold, Silver and Travel Cards. The revisions are effective February 19, 1997.	02/18/97	NA
NA	Tough 1 Communications, Inc. filed to introduce a flat rate product entitled "Pure and Simple" and to make other text changes. The revisions are effective February 19, 1997.	02/18/97	NA
NA	CommuniGroup of K.C., Inc. filed to introduce a new service called "BusinessEdge Plus". The tariff is effective February 18, 1997.	02/18/97	NA
NA	Sprint Communications Company L.P. filed to "introduce \$4,000 commitment level for Business Sense, to reduce the dollar increment and price-per-minute for Sprint/Sam's Club Prepaid Calling Cards, to introduce \$100 Spree Instant FONCARD, to introduce VisaPhone Calling Card Service and Option Calling Plan, to change the discounts applicable to The Most", formerly named Option A Calling Plan, to eliminate FONCARD and Directory Assistance calls, including surcharges from being contributory to or eligible to receive The Most discounts, to correct FONCARD text, and to introduce Resale Solutions Payphone surcharges." The revisions are effective February 18, 1997.	02/18/97	NA
NA	AT&T filed to increase the Calling Card Service Charge on its 1-800 CALL ATT Promotion No. 1 in its Message Telecommunications Service tariff. The revision is effective February 19, 1997.	02/18/97	NA
NA	Sprint Communications Company L.P. filed to increase Sprint Sense Operator Services Off-Peak usage rate and to decrease Sprint Sense Operator Services Peak usage rate. The revisions are effective February 21, 1997.	02/20/97	NA
NA	AT&T filed to offer a \$300.00 coupon to participating customers of its SDN/VTNS IntraLATA Coupon Promotion. The offering is effective February 21, 1997.	02/20/97	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: 02/14/97 through 02/20/97 If you need a complete copy of a filing listed, overnight expressed, or mailed to you, please contact Delane Kolbo within five days of this filing.	
DOCKET NUMBER	TITLE/STAFF/SYNOPSIS	DATE FILED	INTERVENTION DEADLINE
REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATION OF AUTHORITY			
TC97-015	Application by American Telecommunications Systems, Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to operate as a telecommunications company within the state of South Dakota. (Staff: TS/KC) Applicant is a switchless reseller which intends to offer 1+ direct dialing, 800 toll free, and travel card (no prepaid calling cards) service through the resale of telephone services provided by facilities-based interexchange carriers.	02/18/97	03/07/97
INVESTIGATION OF U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE QUALITY PERFORMANCE			
TC97-016	On January 18, 1996, the Commission Order Approving Stipulation and Addendum in Docket TC94-121 became effective. No parties to the action appealed the Order. The Stipulation and Agreement and Addendum allowed for a rate increase to \$2.45 for residential basic local exchange service and a price ceiling of \$19.35 and an increase of \$2.75 for business basic local exchange service with a price ceiling of \$38.40. As a part of its order, the Commission directed Staff to review USWC's service quality performance at the end of 12 months following the effective date of the increase. Based upon the Commission's approval of USWC's performance, a proposed second increase may be implemented at the end of 18 months from the first increase. On February 11, 1997, at a regularly scheduled meeting, Commission Staff recommended that the Commission open a docket to review USWC's service quality performance. The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31. The Commission unanimously voted to open a docket to review USWC's service quality performance.	02/20/97	03/07/97
NONCOMPETITIVE TELECOMMUNICATIONS FILINGS			
TC97-017	U S WEST Communications filed to place the loop portion of the Centrex 21 Analog Station Line in its Exchange and Network Services Tariff. Centrex 21 is an offering targeted to small and medium sized businesses which incorporates value added voice features and functions in a standard package. USWC intends to implement this service on March 19, 1997. (Staff: DJ/CH)	02/20/97	03/07/97
FULLY COMPETITIVE TELECOMMUNICATIONS FILINGS			
NA	AT&T filed to introduce two promotions in its Message Telecommunications Service tariff. The 1-800 CALL ATT Promotion No. 1 and the AT&T Queen of Hearts Promotion. Both promotions are effective February 18, 1997.	02/14/97	NA
NA	WorldCom, Inc. filed to renew its WorldCom Advantage Plus II promotion. The promotion expires July 31, 1997.	02/14/97	NA

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February 27, 1997

Mr. William Bullard, Executive Director
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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION

Dear Mr. Bullard:

Re: Docket TC97-17

This information is provided for the above docket for the purposes of compliance with South Dakota Codified Law 49-31-1.4:

- 1) Overall market for the service: This service is targeted to the small and medium sized businesses and is proposed to fill the product gap between a basic 1FB service and Centrex Plus.
- 2) Affordability of the price for the service in the market it is offered: Rates are priced to be competitive in the market it is offered.
- 3) Impact on Universal Service: This is a discretionary service.
- 4) Prices of alternative services: This product is priced to compete with other choices the customers could select, such as small key systems and PBX systems.
- 5) Cost of providing the service: Cost information is attached. *(confidential)*

Sincerely,

Colleen E. Sevold
Manager-Regulatory Affairs

Attachment

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South Dakota Public Utilities Commission

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October 14, 1997

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At its September 25, 1997, meeting, the Commission had additional questions concerning Docket TC97-017. The Commission requests that U S WEST answer the following question concerning this docket:

1. In Data Request No. 01-0005, U S WEST was asked to provide cost information pursuant to the Commission's decision in TC96-184. Please explain, in detail, the differences in costs for the TSLRIC, SC, and Common Cost categories as shown in the response to the Data Request and the cost information provided to the Commission by letter dated February 27, 1997.

If you have any questions concerning this request, please provide these questions to the Commission in writing.

Sincerely,

ROLAYNE AILTS WIEST
Commission Counsel

cc: Camron Hoseck

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VIA OVERNIGHT

November 7, 1997

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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION

RE: U S WEST Communications (Centrex 21 Analog Station Line)
Docket No. TC97-017

Dear Ms. Ailts Wiest

Enclosed please find U S WEST Communications response to the Public Utilities Commission's Third Set of Data Requests, Request No. 0001 with respect to the above referenced docket.

If you have any questions, I can be reached on (303) 896-9728.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maija Brandenburg".

Maija Brandenburg
Manager
Public Policy / Interrogatories

Enclosures

cc: Maija Beck
Colleen Sevold

State Of South Dakota
Public Utilities Commission

DATA REQUEST

DATE: 10/14/97
DOCKET NO: TC97-017
REQUEST NO: 03 - 0001

REQUEST:

In Data Request No. 01-0005, U S WEST was asked to provide cost information pursuant to the Commission's decision in TC96-184. Please explain, in detail, the differences in costs for the TSLRIC, SC, and Common Cost categories as shown in the response to the Data Request and the cost information provided to the Commission by letter dated February 27, 1997.

RESPONSE:

The difference in the costs in the response to the data request and the costs in the letter result from a number of changes in elements underlying the studies which developed those costs.

Those differences include:

- 1) Reduced investment per loop precipitated by the sale of exchanges in South Dakota.
- 2) PUC ordered adjustments in TC96-184 including the change in cost of money from 11.4% to 10.14%
- 3) Change in factors which were updated between studies.

All of these changes contributed to the difference in cost. The cost studies for this docket were sent to the Commission prior to the rehearing on TC96-184 and the subsequent order by the Commission to change the depreciation rates.

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY U S WEST) COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR REVISIONS TO) ITS EXCHANGE AND NETWORK SERVICES) TARIFF TO INCLUDE THE LOOP PORTION OF) THE CENTREX 21 ANALOG STATION LINE)	ORDER APPROVING REVISIONS TC97-017
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On February 19, 1997, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing by U S WEST Communications, Inc. (U S WEST) regarding revisions to its Exchange and Network Services Tariff. The purpose of this filing is to place the loop portion of the Centrex 21 Analog Station Line in the tariff.

The following tariff sheets were filed with regard to the Exchange and Network Services Tariff.

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The tariff sheets, above, provided that the charge for this service was to be \$30.00 as a monthly rate on a month to month basis, from 12 to 36 months and from 37 to 60 months.

At its duly noticed meeting on September 25, 1997, the Commission considered this matter. Commission Staff recommended that the charge referenced above be \$26.40. The matter was deferred at that time. The Commission again considered this matter on February 3, 1998, and unanimously voted to approve the filing and that the charge for the local transportation facility (the loop) be at Commission Staff's recommendation of \$26.40.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31 and ARSD Article 20.10. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission approves U S WEST's revisions to its Exchange and Network Services Tariff and that the charge embodied therein as the local transportation facility (the loop) charge shall be \$26.40.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 13th day of February, 1998.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as noted on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.
By: <u><i>William K. Kisko</i></u>
Date: <u>2/13/98</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

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