

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE INVESTIGATION OF LOCAL COMPETITION ISSUES |) | ORDER OPENING DOCKET |
| |) | TC96-153 |
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On June 24, 1996, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) considered a request from Commissioner Schoenfelder that the Commission open a docket concerning local competition issues. The docket would investigate what rules or policies should be implemented by the Commission to govern local competition issues, such as interconnection, resale, and the unbundling of network elements.

The Commission has jurisdiction over these issues pursuant to SDCL Chapters 49- 13 and 49-31 and ARSD Article 20:10. The Commission unanimously voted to open a docket concerning local competition issues. The issues in this docket will be further defined in subsequent proceedings.

It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission shall open a docket concerning local competition issues.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 7th day of August, 1996.

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: Delaine Kolbo

Date: August 8, 1996

BY ORDER OF THE
COMMISSION:

KENNETH
STOFFERAHN, Chairman

JAMES A. BURG,
Commissioner

LASKA
SCHOENFELDER,
Commissioner

