

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FCC ORDER
ESTABLISHING NEW DEADLINES FOR
IMPLEMENTATION OF INTRALATA DIALING
PARITY BY LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIERS**

) **ORDER OPENING DOCKET**
) **AND SETTING PROCEDURAL**
) **SCHEDULE**
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) **TC99-030**
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On March 23, 1999, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) issued an order establishing new deadlines for implementation of intraLATA dialing parity by local exchange carriers (LECs). In the Matters of Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996; Petition of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Pacific Bell, and Nevada Bell for Expedited Declaratory Ruling on Interstate IntraLATA Toll Dialing Parity or, in the Alternative, Various Other Relief, CC Docket No. 96-98, FCC 99-54 (released March 23, 1999). The order states that "[n]o later than April 22, 1999, all LECs must file intraLATA toll dialing parity plans with the state regulatory commission for each state in which the LEC provides telephone exchange service if a plan has not yet been filed with such state commission. Once a state commission has approved a plan, the LEC must implement its plan no later than 30 days after the date on which the plan is approved." Id. at ¶ 7. If the state commission has not acted on the plan by June 22, 1999, the LEC must file the plan with the Common Carrier Bureau of the FCC. Id.

At its March 30, 1999, meeting, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) considered how to proceed in this matter. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-31-81 and the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, specifically 47 U.S.C. ' ' 251 and 252. Parties represented at the Commission meeting either in person or via teleconference were as follows: U S WEST; SDITC; FirsTel; DTG; SDN; AT&T; and MCI. None of the parties objected to the Commission opening a docket in order to review intraLATA toll dialing plans. The Commission proposed establishing a procedural schedule that would allow other parties to file written comment on the LECs' intraLATA toll dialing plans. No parties objected to this proposal. The Commission voted unanimously to open a docket to review intraLATA toll dialing plans and to establish a procedural schedule for the filing of comments. The Commission sets the following schedule:

Pursuant to FCC order, LECs shall file an intraLATA toll dialing plan by April 22, 1999;

Interested persons or entities may file comments on the plans no later than May 7, 1999;

LECs may file rebuttal comments no later than May 17, 1999.

It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission opens this docket to review intraLATA toll dialing plans in accordance with the procedural schedule listed above.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 31st day of March, 1999.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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: _____

JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

PAM NELSON, Commissioner

LASKA SCHOENFELDER,
Commissioner

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