

## **B I O G R A P H Y**

### **JIM SMILEY VICE PRESIDENT-MINNESOTA U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.**

Jim Smiley was born in Bozeman, Montana, in 1949. He received his BA degree in Communications from Washington State University in 1971.

Mr. Smiley joined U S WEST in 1971 as an editorial associate in Seattle, Washington. Since that time, he has held positions in Human Resources, Public Relations and External Affairs. From 1989 to 1993, he was Vice President for U S WEST Communications in South Dakota. He was active in leadership positions in various local and state community projects in South Dakota and Colorado, including the South Dakota Board of Education and United Way. In 1993 he was named Vice President of Congressional Relations for U S WEST, Inc. in Washington, DC. Mr. Smiley assumed his present position of Vice President-Minnesota in January, 1996.

In his current position as Vice President-Minnesota, Mr. Smiley oversees approximately 6,000 employees in the state and is responsible for maintaining U S WEST's leadership and commitment in Minnesota. He directs all regulatory and legislative initiatives in the state, and represents the company in all civic and community affairs. In addition, Mr. Smiley oversees U S WEST Communications' Public Policy operations in the states of Iowa, Nebraska and New Mexico.

Mr. Smiley currently serves on the Board of Directors of Fairview Physician Associates, Minnesota Business Partnership, Minnesota Meeting and United Way.

U S WEST Communications provides telecommunications services to more than 25 million customers in 14 western and midwestern states. The company serves about 2 million customer access lines in Minnesota, and is one of two major groups that make up U S WEST, Inc.

U S WEST, Inc. is in the connections business, helping customers share information, entertainment and communications services in local markets worldwide. U S WEST's other major group, U S WEST Media Group, is involved in domestic and international cable and wireless networks, directory publishing and interactive multimedia services.

Jim Smiley and his wife, Rhonda, are the parents of two children, Shannon and Derek, ages 18 and 20.