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Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No.)\*

West TeleServices Corporation

(Name of Issuer)

(Name of 133der)

Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

956188106

(CUSIP Number)

\*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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Item 1(a) Name of Issuer:

West TeleServices Corporation (the "Issuer")

Item 1(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

9910 Maple Street Omaha, NE 68134

Items 2(a) Name of Person Filing; Address of Principal

and (b) Business Office:

This statement is filed by Gary L. West and Mary E. West (the "Wests"). The business address of the Wests is 9910

Maple Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68134.

Item 2(c) Citizenship:

United States

Item 2(d) Title of Class of Securities:

Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share (the "Common

Stock")

Item 2(e) CUSIP Number:

956188106

Item 3 Not Applicable

(a) 45,451,263 shares of Common Stock, as of December

31, 1996.

The 45,451,263 shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by the Wests as of December 31, 1996 are held by the Wests in joint tenancy with right of survivorship. Voting power of these shares of Common Stock is

shared between them.

(b) 71.8%

	(c) (i) -0- (ii) 45,451,263 (iii) -0- (iv) 45,451,263
Item 5	Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class:
	Not Applicable
Item 6	Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person:
	Not Applicable
Item 7	Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company:
	Not Applicable
Item 8.	Identification and Classification of Members of the Group:
	Not Applicable
Item 9	Notice of Dissolution of Group:
	Not Applicable
Item 10	Certification:

Not Applicable

## SIGNATURE

Dated: February 13, 1997

/s/ Gary L. West Gary L. West

/s/ Mary E. West -----Mary E. West