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South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
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**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Re: Docket CT03-143

Dear Sir or Madam:

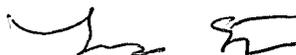
Please accept the following as S&S Communications'/Alternacell's response to the Complaint that has been filed in the above-referenced docket.

S&S Communications admits that it entered into a pre-paid long distance contract with the Complainant. Unfortunately, and although it desired to do so, S&S Communications became financially unable to continue providing service under the contract.

S&S Communications will resist any effort by the Complainant to seek recovery from the bond and/or Letter of Credit that S&S Communications has in place at the Public Utilities Commission due to the fact that the Complainant is not a resident of South Dakota and the bond and/or Letter of Credit are in place for South Dakota residents only.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Les S. Sumption
President, S&S Communications