

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED )</b>	<b>ORDER FOR AND NOTICE</b>
<b>BY ED AND JANICE ST. GEMME, DAKOTA )</b>	<b>OF HEARING</b>
<b>DUNES, SOUTH DAKOTA, AGAINST AT&amp;T )</b>	
<b>COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MIDWEST, INC. )</b>	<b>CT00-090</b>
<b>AND QWEST CORPORATION REGARDING )</b>	
<b>UNAUTHORIZED SWITCHING OF SERVICES )</b>	

On July 24, 2000, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a complaint filed by Ed and Janice St. Gemme, Dakota Dunes, South Dakota (Complainants), against AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. (AT&T) regarding unauthorized switching of services.

On July 25, 2000, the complaint was faxed to AT&T. Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:09, the company was notified that it must satisfy the complaint or file an answer in writing with the Commission by August 14, 2000. On August 14, 2000, AT&T filed an Answer and Motion to Join Local Exchange Carrier Qwest Corporation (Qwest), formerly known as U S WEST Communications, Inc. as a party.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of September 13, 2000, the Commission considered this matter. Qwest stated that it objected to being added as a party. The Commission voted to grant AT&T's Motion to Join Local Exchange Carrier Qwest Corporation as a party.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26, 49-13, including 49-13-1 through 49-13-14, inclusive, and SDCL Chapter 49-31, including 49-31-3, 49-31-7, 49-31-7.1, 49-31-7.2, 49-31-7.3, 49-31-7.4, 49-31-10, 49-31-11, 49-31-38, 49-31-38.1, 49-31-38.2, 49-31-38.3, 49-31-89 through 49-31-97, inclusive, and ARSD Chapters 20:10:01 and 20:10:34.

A hearing shall be held on November 2, 2000, beginning at 3:00 P.M., in Room 412 of the State Capitol Building, 500 E. Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota. All persons testifying will be subject to cross-examination by the parties.

The issue at the hearing is whether AT&T and/or Qwest committed an unlawful or unreasonable act, rate, practice or omission and, if so, what relief would be appropriate.

The hearing shall be an adversary proceeding conducted pursuant to SDCL Chapter 1-26. All parties have the right to be present and to be represented by an attorney. These rights and other due process rights shall be forfeited if not exercised at the hearing. If you or your representative fail to appear at the time and place set for the hearing, the Final Decision will be based solely on the testimony and evidence provided, if any, during the hearing or a Final Decision may be issued by default pursuant to SDCL 1-26-20. After the hearing, the Commission will consider all evidence and testimony that

was presented at the hearing. The Commission will then enter Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and a Final Decision regarding this matter. As a result of the hearing, the Commission shall determine whether AT&T and/or Qwest committed an unlawful or unreasonable act, rate, practice, or omission and, if so, order any appropriate relief. The Commission's Final Decision may be appealed by the parties to the state Circuit Court and the state Supreme Court as provided by law. It is therefore

ORDERED, that a hearing shall be held at the time and place specified above on the issue of whether AT&T and/or Qwest committed an unlawful or unreasonable act, rate, practice or omission and, if so, what relief would be appropriate.

Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, this hearing is being held in a physically accessible location. Please contact the Public Utilities Commission at 1-800-332-1782 at least 48 hours prior to the hearing if you have special needs so arrangements can be made to accommodate you.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 27th day of September, 2000.

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:	<u><i>Arlaine Kalles</i></u>
Date:	<u>9/27/00</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

*James A. Burg*  
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

*Pam Nelson*  
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

*Laska Schoenfelder*  
LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner