

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED ) BY DON AND JUDY BLINDAUER, MITCHELL, ) SOUTH DAKOTA, AGAINST SPRINT ) COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY L.P. AND ) QWEST CORPORATION REGARDING ) UNAUTHORIZED SWITCHING OF LONG ) DISTANCE PROVIDER )	ORDER CONTINUING HEARING  CT00-060
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On April 6, 2000, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a complaint filed by Don and Judy Blindauer, Mitchell, South Dakota (Complainants), against Sprint Communications Company L.P. (Sprint) regarding unauthorized switching of long distance provider.

On April 6, 2000, the complaint was faxed to Sprint. 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 April 26, 2000. The Commission has not received an answer from Sprint to this complaint.

On July 18, 2000, Sprint filed a Motion to Add U S WEST [Qwest Corporation]. At its regularly scheduled meeting of August 9, 2000, the Commission considered this matter. Qwest stated that it objected to being added as a party. Commission Staff recommended granting the motion. The Commission voted to grant Sprint's Motion to Add U S WEST [Qwest Corporation].

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.

By order dated August 23, 2000, a hearing was scheduled for September 13, 2000, beginning at 1:30 P.M., in Room LCR1 of the State Capitol Building, 500 E. Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota. Sprint has requested a continuance of the hearing and none of the other parties objected to the granting of a continuance. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the hearing scheduled for September 13, 2000, is cancelled and a new hearing shall be set at a later time.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2000.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>
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>Alaine Kelbo</u>
Date: <u>9/12/00</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

<u>James A. Burg</u> JAMES A. BURG, Chairman
<u>Pam Nelson</u> PAM NELSON, Commissioner
<u>Laska Schoenfelder</u> LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner