

**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 GRANTING MOTION TO ADD QWEST AS A PARTY  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. On July 18, 2000, Sprint filed a Motion to Add U S WEST.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of August 9, 2000, the Commission considered this matter. U S WEST stated that it objected to being added as a party. Commission Staff recommended granting the motion.

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.

The Commission voted to grant Sprint's Motion to Add U S WEST. It is therefore ORDERED, that U S WEST shall be added as a party in the above captioned matter.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2000.

<p><b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>By: <u>Alaine Kelbo</u></p> <p>Date: <u>8/17/00</u></p> <p align="center">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg  
 JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson  
 PAM NELSON, Commissioner

Laska Schoenfelder  
 LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner