

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED)	ORDER DENYING MOTION
BY JOYCE URLACHER, SALEM, SOUTH)	TO ADD MCCOOK
DAKOTA, AGAINST AT&T COMMUNICATIONS)	TELECOM AS A PARTY;
OF THE MIDWEST, INC. REGARDING)	ORDER GRANTING AT&T'S
CONTINUED SERVICES AND CHARGES AT)	MOTION TO DISMISS;
HIGH RATES AFTER LONG DISTANCE)	ORDER DISMISSING
SERVICES WERE SWITCHED TO ANOTHER)	COMPLAINT AND CLOSING
CARRIER)	DOCKET
)	CT00-075

On May 24, 2000, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a complaint filed by Joyce Urlacher, Salem, South Dakota (Complainant), against AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. (AT&T) regarding continued services and charges at high rates after long distance services were switched to another carrier.

On May 25, 2000, the complaint was faxed to AT&T. Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:09, AT&T was notified that it must satisfy the complaint or file an answer in writing with the Commission by June 14, 2000. On June 22, 2000, the Commission received an answer from AT&T, a Motion to Join Local Exchange Carrier McCook Telecom, and a Motion to Dismiss.

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.

On July 13, 2000, at a regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission considered these motions. Upon recommendation of Commission Staff, the Commission voted to deny the motion to add McCook Telecom as a party and to grant the motion to dismiss. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Motion to Join Local Exchange Carrier McCook Telecom is hereby denied. It is further

ORDERED, that the Motion to Dismiss is hereby granted. The complaint is therefore dismissed and the docket closed.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 20th day of July, 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>Delaine Kalles</i></u>
Date: <u>7/20/00</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