

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

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED |) | ORDER GRANTING MOTION |
| BY FSST TRIBAL SOCIAL SERVICES |) | TO AMEND COMPLAINT |
| PROGRAM, FLANDREAU, SOUTH DAKOTA |) | AND TO JOIN PARTIES |
| AGAINST MCI WORLDCOM, IONEX |) | |
| COMMUNICATIONS NORTH, INC. AND |) | CT00-114 |
| TELECOM*USA REGARDING UNAUTHORIZED |) | |
| SWITCHING OR BILLING OF SERVICES |) | |

On December 7, 2000, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a complaint filed by FSST Social Services, Flandreau, South Dakota (Complainant), against MCI WorldCom (MCI) regarding unauthorized switching or billing of services.

On December 11, 2000, the complaint was faxed to MCI. Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:09, MCI was notified that it must satisfy the complaint or file an answer in writing with the Commission by December 31, 2000. On January 5, 2001, the Commission received an answer from MCI and a Motion to Join Party asking that Ionex Communications North, Inc. (Ionex) be added as a party. At its regularly scheduled meeting of January 17, 2001, the Commission considered this matter. By order dated January 24, 2001, the Commission granted MCI's motion to join party. On January 25, 2001, the Commission received a request from Jack Thomson, Program Director/Social Services, Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe, asking that the name of the complainant be amended to read "FSST Tribal Social Services Program," and that all parties from Dockets CT00-113 and CT00-115 be added to this docket.

On February 6, 2001, at a regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission considered the request. 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. MCI and Ionex stated that they did not object to the request. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the request to amend the name of the complainant to read FSST Tribal Social Services Program and to join the parties from Dockets CT00-113 and CT00-115 into this docket. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the complainant's name shall be amended to read FSST Tribal Social Services Program; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the parties from Dockets CT00-113 and CT00-115, Ionex and Telecom*USA, shall be added as parties in the above captioned matter, and that the complaint shall be forwarded to Ionex and Telecom*USA and the parties shall file with the Commission their answers in writing within twenty (20) days of service of this Order.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 15th day of February, 2001.

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| <p style="text-align: center;">CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</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: _____</p> <p>Date: _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p> |
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

PAM NELSON, Commissioner

LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner