

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED)	ORDER CONSOLIDATING
BY S&S COMMUNICATIONS AND LES)	DOCKETS FOR PURPOSES
SUMPTION, ABERDEEN, SOUTH DAKOTA,)	OF THE HEARING
AGAINST MCI WORLDCOM REGARDING)	
UNAUTHORIZED BILLING FOR SERVICES)	CT01-031
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED)	
BY S&S COMMUNICATIONS AND LES)	
SUMPTION, ABERDEEN, SOUTH DAKOTA,)	CT01-032
AGAINST MCI WORLDCOM REGARDING)	
UNAUTHORIZED BILLING FOR SERVICES)	

On July 18, 2001, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a complaint filed by S&S Communications and Les Sumption, Aberdeen, South Dakota (Complainant), against MCI WorldCom (MCI) regarding unauthorized billing for services.

On July 18, 2001, 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 August 7, 2001.

On July 18, 2001, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a complaint filed by S&S Communications and Les Sumption, Aberdeen, South Dakota (Complainant), against MCI WorldCom (MCI) regarding unauthorized billing for services.

On July 18, 2001, 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 August 7, 2001.

On August 7, 2001, the Commission received answers in the above referenced complaints from MCI.

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 September 7, 2001, at a duly noticed meeting, the Commission voted unanimously to consolidate Dockets CT01-031 and CT01-032 for purposes of the hearing. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Dockets CT01-031 and CT01-032 shall be consolidated for purposes of the hearing.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 14th day of September, 2001.

<p>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: <u><i>Neilson Kelso</i></u></p> <p>Date: <u>9/14/01</u></p> <p style="text-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