

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT )</b>	<b>ORDER DISMISSING )</b>
<b>FILED BY WWC LICENSE LLC AGAINST )</b>	<b>COMPLAINT AND CLOSING )</b>
<b>GOLDEN WEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS )</b>	<b>DOCKET )</b>
<b>COOPERATIVE, INC., VIVIAN )</b>	
<b>TELEPHONE COMPANY, SIOUX VALLEY )</b>	<b>CT05-001 )</b>
<b>TELEPHONE COMPANY, UNION )</b>	
<b>TELEPHONE COMPANY, ARMOUR )</b>	
<b>INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COMPANY, )</b>	
<b>BRIDGEWATER-CANISTOTA INDEPEND- )</b>	
<b>ENT TELEPHONE COMPANY AND )</b>	
<b>KADOKA TELEPHONE COMPANY )</b>	
<b>REGARDING INTERCARRIER BILLINGS )</b>	

On February 16, 2005, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a complaint filed by WWC License LLC (Complainant) against Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc., Vivian Telephone Company, Sioux Valley Telephone Company, Union Telephone Company, Armour Independent Telephone Company, Bridgewater-Canistota Independent Telephone Company and Kadoka Telephone Company (Golden West Companies) regarding intercarrier billings.

On September 7, 2005, the Commission received an Amended Complaint from WWC. On September 15, 2005, the Commission received an Amended Answer and Amended Counterclaim from Golden West Companies. On September 20, 2005, the Commission received a Petition to Intervene from South Dakota Telecommunications Association (SDTA). On September 23, 2005, the Commission received WWC's Answer to Golden West Companies' Amended Counterclaim. At its regularly scheduled meeting of October 4, 2005, the Commission granted intervention to SDTA.

On January 6, 2006, the Commission received a Joint Motion in Limine from Golden West Companies and SDTA, and a Motion for Partial Summary Judgment from WWC. On January 9, 2006, the Commission received WWC's Motion to Compel Production of Discovery Responses. On January 12, 2006, the Commission received WWC's Brief in Response to Joint Motion in Limine. On January 13, 2006, the Commission received a Brief of Golden West Companies in Opposition to WWC's Motion for Partial Summary Judgment. On January 27, 2006, the Commission received a Joint Motion for Continuance of Hearing from Golden West Companies and SDTA. The Commission held hearings on March 8-10, 2006; April 17-18, 2006; and August 7, 2006. WWC, Golden West and SDTA, Staff and WWC filed briefs on September 6, October 4, October 23 and October 26, 2006, respectively. In its Reply Brief filed October 23, Staff represented that it had been informed by the parties that they had reached a settlement of all issues in the case other than WWC's liability, if any, for Golden West's transiting charges. This representation was confirmed in WWC's Reply Brief Regarding Transiting Issue filed on October 26 and in verbal representations to Commission Counsel. By email stipulation, the parties all agreed that oral argument on the transiting issue would be heard on November 20, 2006. The Commission heard oral arguments from all the parties at its November 20, 2006, ad hoc meeting and took the matter under advisement. The parties subsequently advised the Commission that they were in settlement negotiations. On March 15,

2011, Golden West filed a Stipulation to Dismiss with Prejudice in which the parties agree that all outstanding issues in the case have been resolved and that the Amended Complaint and Amended Counterclaim may be dismissed with prejudice.

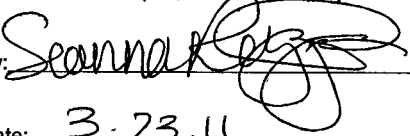
The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26, 49-13 and 49-31.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of March 22, 2011, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Stipulation, dismissing the Amended Complaint and Amended Counterclaim with prejudice and closing the docket.

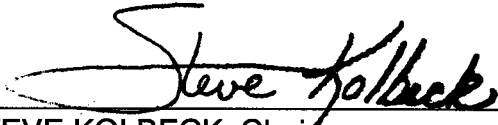
It is therefore

ORDERED, that the complaint is hereby dismissed and the docket is closed.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 23rd day of March, 2011.

<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></u>
Date: <u>3-23-11</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
STEVE KOLBECK, Chairman

  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

  
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner