

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE INVESTIGATION OF ) ORDER CLOSING DOCKET  
THE PRACTICE OF LONG DISTANCE )  
RESELLERS TO OPERATE WITHIN THE ) TC97-050  
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA WITHOUT AN )  
IDENTIFYING PIC NUMBER )

On April 15, 1997, at a regularly scheduled meeting, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) opened a docket in order to study the problems associated with the practice of long distance resellers operating within the state of South Dakota without an identifying PIC number. On May 8, 1997, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of May 23, 1997, to interested individuals and entities. Telecommunications Resellers Association, the South Dakota Independent Telephone Coalition, Inc., AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc., and MCI Telecommunications Corporation were granted intervention on June 3, 1997.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26, 49-13 and 49-31.

At a regularly scheduled meeting of December 2, 1997, Commission Staff updated the Commission as to its findings. Basically it was discovered that the practice of long distance resellers operating within the state of South Dakota without an identifying PIC number was a problem that can only be resolved at the federal level. Based on this, Commission Staff recommended that the docket be closed. The Commission voted to close the docket. It is therefore

ORDERED that docket TC97-050 is hereby closed.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1997.

<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>Delaine Kalles</u>
Date: <u>12/13/97</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg  
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson  
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

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LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner