BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED) ORDER DISMISSING BY CAROL BULLENE, WATERTOWN, SOUTH) COMPLAINT AND CLOSING DAKOTA, AGAINST OLS, INC. REGARDING) DOCKET SWITCHING TELECOMMUNICATIONS) SERVICES THROUGH DECEPTIVE TACTICS) CT99-086

On December 20, 1999, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a complaint filed by Carol Bullene, Watertown, South Dakota (Complainant), against OLS, Inc. (OLS) regarding alleged switching telecommunications services through deceptive tactics. Complainant requests full credit of all OLS charges and OLS' service restricted.

Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:08.01 and 20:10:01:09, if a complaint cannot be settled without formal action, the Commission shall determine if the complaint shows probable cause of an unlawful or unreasonable act, rate, practice or omission to go forward with the complaint.

On January 6, 2000, at a duly noticed meeting, Commission Staff recommended a finding of probable cause due to unresolved factual issues. The Commission voted unanimously to find probable cause. On March 10, 2000, Complainant notified Commission Staff that the matter had been resolved.

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 April 13, 2000, at a regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission considered this matter. Upon recommendation of Commission Staff, the Commission voted to dismiss the complaint and close the docket. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the complaint shall be dismissed and the docket closed.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 30 th day of April, 2000.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

AMES A. BURG, Chairman

PAM NELSON, Commissioner

LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner