

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED)	ORDER FINDING
BY ELIZABETH A. EWALD, WATERTOWN,)	PROBABLE CAUSE AND
SOUTH DAKOTA, AGAINST OLS, INC.)	NOTICE REQUIRING
REGARDING SWITCHING OF SERVICES)	ANSWER
THROUGH DECEPTIVE PRACTICES)	CT00-009

On January 3, 2000, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a complaint filed by Elizabeth A. Ewald, Watertown, South Dakota (Complainant), against OLS, Inc. (OLS) regarding switching of services through deceptive practices. Complainant requests that fines and penalties be assessed against OLS for this action.

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 February 2, 2000, at a duly noticed meeting, Commission Staff recommended a finding of probable cause due to unresolved factual issues.

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. The Commission voted unanimously to find probable cause. It is therefore

ORDERED, that pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:09, the Commission finds that there is probable cause of an unlawful or unreasonable act, rate, practice, or omission and that the complaint shall be forwarded to OLS and OLS shall satisfy the complaint or file with the Commission its answer in writing within twenty (20) days of service of this order.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 11th day of February, 2000.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
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: _____
Date: _____
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

PAM NELSON, Commissioner

LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner