

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED)	ORDER GRANTING MOTION
BY DON AND JUDY BLINDAUER, MITCHELL,)	TO ADD I-LINK
SOUTH DAKOTA, AGAINST SPRINT)	COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY L.P., QWEST)	AS A PARTY
CORPORATION AND I-LINK)	
COMMUNICATIONS, INC. REGARDING)	CT00-060
UNAUTHORIZED SWITCHING OF LONG)	
DISTANCE PROVIDER)	

On April 6, 2000, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a complaint filed by Don and Judy Blindauer, Mitchell, South Dakota (Complainants), against Sprint Communications Company L.P. (Sprint) regarding unauthorized switching of long distance provider.

On April 6, 2000, the complaint was faxed to Sprint. Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:09, the company was notified that it must satisfy the complaint or file an answer in writing with the Commission by April 26, 2000. On July 18, 2000, Sprint filed a Motion to Add U S WEST [Qwest Corporation].

At its regularly scheduled meeting of August 9, 2000, the Commission considered this matter. Qwest stated that it objected to being added as a party. Commission Staff recommended granting the motion. The Commission voted to grant Sprint's motion to add Qwest as a party. On September 14, 2000, Sprint filed a Motion to Add I-Link Communications, Inc.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of September 26, 2000, the Commission considered this matter. Commission Staff recommended granting the motion.

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 to grant Sprint's Motion to Add I-Link Communications, Inc. It is therefore

ORDERED, that I-Link Communications, Inc. shall be added as a party in the above captioned matter, and that the complaint shall be forwarded to I-Link and I-Link shall file with the Commission its answer in writing within twenty (20) days of service of this order.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 29th day of September, 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: <u>Melanie Kelbo</u>
Date: <u>9/29/00</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

Laska Schoenfelder
LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner