

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED) BY WORLDCOM AGAINST U S WEST) COMMUNICATIONS, INC. REGARDING) UNAUTHORIZED SWITCHING OF SERVICES) OF JANETTE M. BALL)	ORDER DISMISSING COMPLAINT AND CLOSING DOCKET CT00-084
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On July 11, 2000, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a complaint filed by WorldCom (Complainant), against U S WEST Communications, Inc. (U S WEST) regarding unauthorized switching of services of Janette M. Ball.

On July 11, 2000, the complaint was faxed to U S WEST. Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:09, U S WEST was notified that it must satisfy the complaint or file an answer in writing with the Commission by July 31, 2000. On July 31, 2000, the Commission received a motion to dismiss and answer from U S WEST. A hearing in this matter was scheduled for September 7, 2000. Commission Staff and the parties requested a continuance of the hearing. By order dated August 17, 2000, the hearing was cancelled and a new hearing was to be set at a later time. Commission Staff has now been informed that settlement had been reached in this matter.

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.

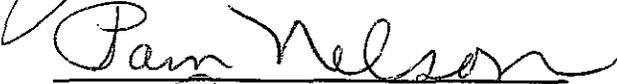
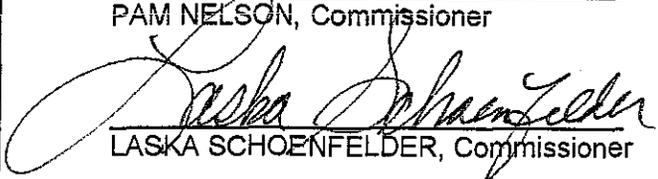
On December 12, 2000, at a regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission considered this matter. Upon recommendation of Commission Staff, the Commission voted to dismiss the complaint and close the docket. It is therefore

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 20th day of December, 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><i>Melaine Halbo</i></u>
Date: <u>12/21/00</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

 JAMES A. BURG, Chairman
 PAM NELSON, Commissioner
 LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner