

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED)	ORDER DISMISSING
BY FSST SOCIAL SERVICES, FLANDREAU,)	COMPLAINT AND CLOSING
SOUTH DAKOTA, AGAINST IONEX)	DOCKET
COMMUNICATIONS NORTH, INC.)	
REGARDING POOR SERVICE)	CT00-113

On December 7, 2000, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a complaint filed by FSST Social Services, Flandreau, South Dakota (Complainant), against Ionex Communications North, Inc. (Ionex) regarding poor service.

On December 11, 2000, the complaint was faxed to Ionex. Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:09, Ionex was notified that it must satisfy the complaint or file an answer in writing with the Commission by December 31, 2000. The Commission has not received an answer from Ionex to this complaint. On January 25, 2001, the Commission received a request from Jack Thomson, Program Director/Social Services, Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe, asking that the Commission join all parties into Docket CT00-114 and to dismiss this complaint.

On February 6, 2001, at a regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission considered the request. 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, and ARSD Chapters 20:10:01 and 20:10:33. MCI and Ionex stated that they did not object to the request. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the request to join all parties into Docket CT00-114 and to dismiss this complaint. It is therefore

ORDERED, that all parties to this docket be joined into Docket CT00-114 and this complaint is dismissed and the docket closed.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 15th day of February, 2001.

<p>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</p> <p>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.</p> <p>By: <u>Relaine Kalbo</u></p> <p>Date: <u>2/16/01</u></p> <p align="center">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

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LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner