

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED )</b>	<b>ORDER FINDING</b>
<b>BY GARY AND COSETTE MAU, MILBANK, )</b>	<b>PROBABLE CAUSE AND</b>
<b>SOUTH DAKOTA, AGAINST QWEST )</b>	<b>NOTICE REQUIRING</b>
<b>COMMUNICATIONS, INC. REGARDING )</b>	<b>ANSWER</b>
<b>UNAUTHORIZED SWITCHING OF SERVICES )</b>	<b>CT00-023</b>

On January 19, 2000, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a complaint filed by Gary and Cosette Mau, Milbank, South Dakota (Complainants), against Qwest Communications, Inc. (Qwest) regarding unauthorized switching of services. Complainants request that appropriate fines and penalties be imposed.

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 Qwest and Qwest 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 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2000.

<p><b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b></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>Delaine Kalbo</u></p> <p>Date: <u>2/14/00</u></p> <p align="center">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg  
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson  
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

Laska Schoenfelder  
LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner