

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED)	THIRD ORDER FOR AND
BY DAVID AND RHONDA SCHWIETERT,)	NOTICE OF HEARING
RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA, AGAINST)	
BROADWING TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.)	CT01-008
AND POWERNET GLOBAL)	
COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING)	
UNAUTHORIZED SWITCHING OF SERVICES)	

On February 28, 2001, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a complaint filed by David and Rhonda Schwietert, Rapid City, South Dakota (Complainants), against Broadwing Telecommunications, Inc. (Broadwing) and PowerNet Global Communications (PowerNet) regarding unauthorized switching of services.

On February 28, 2001, the complaint was faxed to Broadwing and PowerNet. Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:09, Broadwing and PowerNet were notified that they must satisfy the complaint or file answers in writing with the Commission by March 20, 2001. On March 21, 2001, the Commission received a letter response from Broadwing. On March 23, 2001, the Commission received a letter response from PowerNet. On March 29, 2001, the Commission received a Motion to Dismiss from Broadwing, on March 30, 2001, the Commission received a Cross Claim of PowerNet against Broadwing Telecommunications, and on April 6, 2001, the Commission received PowerNet's Opposition to Broadwing's Motion to Dismiss. On April 13, 2001, the Commission received Broadwing's Reply to Crossclaim of PowerNet. On April 17, 2001, at a regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission considered the Motion to Dismiss. The Commission voted unanimously to deny the Motion to Dismiss. On May 4, 2001, the Commission received PowerNet's Interrogatories, Requests for Admission and Requests for Production to Broadwing. On June 6, 2001, the Commission received PowerNet's Motion to Continue Hearing. On June 7, 2001, the Commission received Broadwing's Motion for Continuance. On June 15, 2001, the Commission received an Answer of Broadwing to PowerNet's Interrogatories and Requests for Production. At its June 19, 2001, meeting, the Commission considered PowerNet's Motion to Continue Hearing and Broadwing's Motion for Continuance. The Commission voted to grant a 14 day continuance from the hearing date scheduled for June 26, 2001.

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.

A hearing shall be held on July 10, 2001, beginning at 2:30 P.M., in Room 412 of the State Capitol Building, 500 E. Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota. All persons testifying will be subject to cross-examination by the parties.

The issue at the hearing is whether Broadwing and/or PowerNet committed an unlawful or unreasonable act, rate, practice or omission and, if so, what relief would be appropriate.

The hearing shall be an adversary proceeding conducted pursuant to SDCL Chapter 1-26. All parties have the right to be present and to be represented by an attorney. These rights and other due process rights shall be forfeited if not exercised at the hearing. If you or your representative fail to appear at the time and place set for the hearing, the Final Decision will be based solely on the testimony and evidence provided, if any, during the hearing or a Final Decision may be issued by default pursuant to SDCL 1-26-20. After the hearing, the Commission will consider all evidence and testimony that was presented at the hearing. The Commission will then enter Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and a Final Decision regarding this matter. As a result of the hearing, the Commission shall determine whether Broadwing and/or PowerNet committed an unlawful or unreasonable act, rate, practice, or omission and, if so, order any appropriate relief. The Commission's Final Decision may be appealed by the parties to the state Circuit Court and the state Supreme Court as provided by law. It is therefore

ORDERED, that a hearing shall be held at the time and place specified above on the issue of whether Broadwing and/or PowerNet committed an unlawful or unreasonable act, rate, practice or omission and, if so, what relief would be appropriate.

Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, this hearing is being held in a physically accessible location. Please contact the Public Utilities Commission at 1-800-332-1782 at least 48 hours prior to the hearing if you have special needs so arrangements can be made to accommodate you.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 22nd day of June, 2001.

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>Nelaine Kaelbo</i></u>
Date:	<u>6/25/01</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner