

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED)	ORDER DISMISSING
BY TANYA STAHL, HURON, SOUTH DAKOTA,)	COMPLAINT AND CLOSING
AGAINST NORTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE)	DOCKET
COMPANY REGARDING DENIED SERVICE)	CE02-002

On July 2, 2002, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a complaint filed by Tanya Stahl, Huron, South Dakota (Complainant), against NorthWestern Public Service Company (NWPS) regarding denied service.

On July 3, 2002, the complaint was faxed to NWPS. Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:09, NWPS was notified that it must satisfy the complaint or file an answer in writing with the Commission by July 23, 2002. The Commission has not received an answer from NWPS to this complaint. Commission Staff was 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 and 49-34A.

On July 23, 2002, 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 7th day of August, 2002.

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>Dilaine Kalbo</i></u>
Date: <u>8/7/02</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

Robert K. Sahr
ROBERT K. SAHR, Commissioner