BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY TODD WAGNER, ST. LAWRENCE, SOUTH DAKOTA, AGAINST TOUCH AMERICA, INC. REGARDING UNAUTHORIZED SWITCHING OF SERVICES ORDER DISMISSING COMPLAINT AND CLOSING DOCKET

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On November 20, 2001, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a complaint filed by Todd Wagner, St. Lawrence, South Dakota (Complainant), against Touch America, Inc. (Touch America) regarding unauthorized switching of services.

On November 20, 2001, the complaint was faxed to Touch America. Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:09, Touch America was notified that it must satisfy the complaint or file an answer in writing with the Commission by December 10, 2001. On December 12, 2001, the Commission received a response from Touch America. On December 31, 2001, the Commission received an answer and motion to dismiss from Touch America. 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, 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 January 24, 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 31 st day of January, 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

addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.

Bv Date (OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chairman

PAM NELSON, Commissioner

ROBERT K. SAHR, Commissioner