

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST FOR A) DECLARATORY RULING BY SNET AMERICA,) INC. REGARDING SPECIFYING WHAT THE) COMPANY MUST DO TO ADDRESS THE DE) MINIMUS PROVISION OF INTRASTATE LONG) DISTANCE SERVICE WITHOUT A) CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY)	DECLARATORY RULING REGARDING DE MINIMUS PROVISION OF INTRASTATE LONG DISTANCE SERVICE WITHOUT A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY
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TC14-008

On March 27, 2014, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a request from SNET America, Inc. (SNET) for a declaratory ruling. SNET offers interexchange services to both residential and business customers through post-paid calling cards and intends to discontinue the calling card service in May of 2014. In its request, SNET states it has never obtained a Certificate of Authority from the Commission but received a small amount of revenue, totaling less than \$10.00, as a result of interexchange services it provided its customers in South Dakota in 2007, 2008, and 2010. SNET requests a declaratory ruling, "specifying what the company must do to address the de minimus provision of intrastate long distance service without a certificate of authority." SNET stated that "[p]ermitting customers to make intrastate calling card calls while in South Dakota was the result of internal administrative oversights."

On April 3, 2014, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of April 18, 2014, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 49-1, 49-1A, and 49-31.

At its regular meeting on April 30, 2014, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission voted unanimously to require SNET to pay \$250.00 to the Gross Receipts Fund. In making this decision, the Commission noted that this decision does not establish precedent for the manner with which similar dockets will be treated in the future. In this docket, several factors, including the facts that the calls relate back to 2007 and the inadvertent nature of the calls being made, make this situation unique.

It is therefore

ORDERED, that SNET shall pay \$250.00 to the Gross Receipts Fund.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 2nd day of May, 2014.

<p style="text-align: center;">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, electronically.</p> <p>By: <u>Joy Kashley</u></p> <p>Date: <u>05.02.14</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner