

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT BY)
INTERSTATE TELECOMMUNICATIONS)
COOPERATIVE, INC. AND WEST RIVER)
COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE COMPANY)
AGAINST MCI COMMUNICATIONS)
SERVICES, INC., DBA VERIZON)
BUSINESS SERVICES REGARDING)
FAILING TO PAY INTRASTATE ACCESS)
CHARGES AT THE RATES APPROVED)
BY THE COMMISSION)**

**ORDER DISMISSING WITH
PREJUDICE AND CLOSING
THE DOCKET**

TC18-002

On January 16, 2018, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a Complaint filed by Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. (ITC) and West River Cooperative Telephone Company (West River) against MCI Communications Services, Inc., dba Verizon Business Services (Verizon) regarding failing to pay intrastate access charges at the rates approved by the Commission.

On January 18, 2018, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of February 2, 2018, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. On February 16, March 7, March 28 and April 27, 2018, Verizon filed letters indicating the Parties agreed to postpone the deadline for Verizon to answer the Complaint by two weeks. On May 14, 2018, Verizon filed a letter indicating that the parties agreed to postpone the deadline for Verizon to answer the Complaint indefinitely. On July 31, 2018, ITC and West River filed a letter and Stipulation for Dismissal in the matter indicating that the Parties fully settled and resolved the matter and requested the Commission dismiss the matter upon its merits, with prejudice.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-31 and ARSD 20:10:01:02.04.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of August 22, 2018, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission voted unanimously to dismiss the complaint with prejudice and close the docket. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the complaint is dismissed with prejudice and the docket is closed.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 28th day of August 2018.

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, electronically or by mail.
By: <u>Adam De Hueck</u>
Date: <u>8/28/18</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner