

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED)	ORDER DISMISSING
BY ARDELL NELSON, MILBANK/STATE AUTO)	COMPLAINT AND CLOSING
INSURANCE, MILBANK, SOUTH DAKOTA,)	DOCKET
AGAINST U S REPUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS,)	
INC. REGARDING UNAUTHORIZED)	CT99-013
SWITCHING OF SERVICES)	

On July 20, 1999, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a complaint by Ardell Nelson, Milbank/State Auto Insurance, Milbank, South Dakota (Complainant), against U S Republic Communications, Inc. (U S Republic) regarding unauthorized switching of services. The Complainant states that late last winter U S Republic began charging him for services that had not been authorized. U S Republic has sent him two checks but still owes him \$54.98. He is requesting that U S Republic immediately stop billing him and reimburse him for the balance due.

Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:08.01 and 20:10:01:09, if a complaint cannot be settled without formal action, the Commission shall determine if the complaint shows probable cause of an unlawful or unreasonable act, rate, practice or omission to go forward with the complaint.

On August 17, 1999, at a duly noticed meeting, Commission Staff informed the Commission that the parties had reached a settlement and the Complainant wished to have the complaint dismissed and the docket closed.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-13-1, 49-13-4, 49-13-13, 49-13-14.1, 49-31-3, 49-31-7, 49-31-7.1, 49-31-11, 49-31-60, 49-31-61, and ARSD 20:10:01:08.01 and 20:10:01:09. The Commission voted unanimously to dismiss the complaint and close the docket. It is therefore

ORDERED, that this complaint be dismissed and the docket be closed.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 26th day of August, 1999.

<p>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, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.</p> <p>By: <u><i>Ardell Nelson</i></u></p> <p>Date: <u>8/30/99</u></p> <p align="center">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
 JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
 PAM NELSON, Commissioner

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 LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner