

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

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED) BY ALAN SCHUETZ, PARKSTON, SOUTH) DAKOTA, AGAINST NORTHWESTERN) PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY REGARDING) BILLING) | ORDER DISMISSING COMPLAINT AND CLOSING DOCKET CC02-001 |
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On May 2, 2002, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a complaint filed by Alan Schuetz, Parkston, South Dakota (Complainant), against NorthWestern Public Service Company (NWPS) regarding billing.

On May 2, 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 May 22, 2002. On May 9, 2002, the Commission received a letter response from NWPS. On June 18, 2002, the Commission received a stipulated settlement agreement signed by Complainant.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-34A.

On August 15, 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 30th day of August, 2002.

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| 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>Tina Dougen</u> |
| Date: <u>8-30-02</u> |
| (OFFICIAL SEAL) |

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

Robert K. Sahr by
ROBERT K. SAHR, Commissioner

John Smith
by John Smith