

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED) BY ROXY RASMUSSEN AND MICK) BETTMENG, BLACK HAWK, SOUTH DAKOTA,) AGAINST U.S. REPUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS,) INC. REGARDING UNAUTHORIZED LONG) DISTANCE SERVICES, FAILURE TO CANCEL) AND CONTINUED BILLING)	ORDER CANCELLING HEARING CT01-021
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On May 3, 2001, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a complaint filed by Roxy Rasmussen and Mick Bettmeng, Black Hawk, South Dakota (Complainants), against U.S. Republic Communications, Inc. (U.S. Republic) regarding unauthorized long distance services, failure to cancel and continued billing.

On May 3, 2001, the complaint was faxed to U.S. Republic. Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:09, U.S. Republic was notified that it must satisfy the complaint or file an answer in writing with the Commission by May 23, 2001. On May 23, 2001, the Commission received a letter response from U.S. Republic. On June 7, 2001, the Commission received a Motion for Dismissal from U.S. Republic.

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.

By order dated June 1, 2001, a hearing was scheduled for June 20, 2001, beginning at 8:30 A.M., in Room 412 of the State Capitol Building, 500 E. Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota. On June 19, 2001, Commission Staff was informed that settlement is pending in this matter, so therefore the hearing is cancelled. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the hearing scheduled for June 20, 2001, is cancelled.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 19th day of June, 2001.

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><i>Delaine Kalbs</i></u>
Date:	<u>6/20/01</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

<u><i>James A. Burg</i></u> JAMES A. BURG, Chairman
<u><i>Pam Nelson</i></u> PAM NELSON, Commissioner