

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED ) BY GERALD LARSON, BERESFORD, SOUTH ) DAKOTA, AGAINST BERESFORD MUNICIPAL ) TELEPHONE COMPANY, AT&T ) COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MIDWEST, INC. ) AND T-NETIX TELECOMMUNICATIONS ) SERVICES, INC. REGARDING ) UNAUTHORIZED COLLECT CALL CHARGES )	ORDER DISMISSING COMPLAINT AND CLOSING DOCKET  CT01-037
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On August 6, 2001, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a complaint filed by Gerald Larson, Beresford, South Dakota (Complainant), against Beresford Municipal Telephone Company (Beresford), AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. (AT&T) and T-NETIX Telecommunications Services, Inc. (T-NETIX) regarding unauthorized collect call charges.

On August 7, 2001, the complaint was faxed to Beresford, AT&T and T-NETIX. Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:09, Beresford, AT&T and T-NETIX were notified that they must satisfy the complaint or file answers in writing with the Commission by August 27, 2001. On August 14, 2001, AT&T filed a Motion to Dismiss AT&T as a Party to this Proceeding. On August 27, 2001, Beresford filed an Answer and Motion to Dismiss of Beresford Municipal Telephone Company. The Commission has not received answers from AT&T or T-NETIX to this complaint.

On September 7, 2001, at a duly noticed meeting, Commission Staff recommended that the Commission grant AT&T's Motion to Dismiss and deny Beresford's Motion to Dismiss. The Commission voted to grant AT&T's Motion to Dismiss and deny Beresford's Motion to Dismiss. Commission Staff was informed that settlement had been reached in this matter.

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.

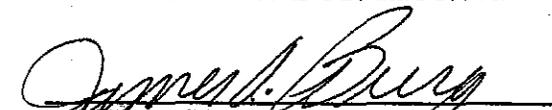
On October 10, 2001, at a regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission considered this matter. Upon recommendation of Commission Staff, the Commission voted to dismiss the complaint and close the docket. It is therefore

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2001.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>
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>Alaine Krebs</i></u>
Date: <u>10/19/01</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
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JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

  
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PAM NELSON, Commissioner