

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED)	ORDER DISMISSING
BY LAWRENCE BLANKENHORN,)	COMPLAINT AND CLOSING
FLANDREAU, SOUTH DAKOTA, AGAINST MCI)	DOCKET
WORLDCOM REGARDING UNAUTHORIZED)	
SWITCHING OF SERVICES AND BILLING FOR)	CT01-024
SERVICES)	

On May 14, 2001, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a complaint filed by Lawrence Blankenhorn, Flandreau, South Dakota (Complainant), against MCI WorldCom (MCI) regarding unauthorized switching of services and billing for services.

On May 14, 2001, the complaint was faxed to MCI. Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:09, MCI was notified that it must satisfy the complaint or file an answer in writing with the Commission by June 4, 2001. On June 4, 2001, the Commission received an answer from MCI. A hearing in this matter was scheduled for June 20, 2001. By order dated June 19, 2001, the hearing was cancelled as 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 July 24, 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 27th day of July, 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>Delaine Kelbo</u>
Date: <u>8/3/01</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

 JAMES A. BURG, Chairman
 PAM NELSON, Commissioner