

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED)	ORDER DISMISSING)
BY RICH WIDMAN, BROOKINGS, SOUTH)	COMPLAINT AND CLOSING)
DAKOTA, AGAINST SPRINT)	DOCKET)
COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY L.P.)	
REGARDING CONTINUOUS DISCONNECTS)	CT02-001)
AND POOR SERVICE)	

On January 4, 2002, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a complaint filed by Rich Widman, Brookings, South Dakota (Complainant), against Sprint Communications Company L.P. (Sprint) regarding continuous disconnects and poor service.

On January 4, 2002, the complaint was faxed to Sprint. Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:09, Sprint was notified that it must satisfy the complaint or file an answer in writing with the Commission by January 24, 2002. On January 24, 2002, the Commission received a release and waiver of all claims from Sprint.

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 February 5, 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 8th day of February, 2002.

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 Kelbo</i></u>
Date: <u>2/11/02</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

Robert K. Sahr
ROBERT K. SAHR, Commissioner