

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF) CLARICOM NETWORKS, INC. D/B/A STAPLES) COMMUNICATIONS - NETWORKS FOR A) CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE) LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICES IN SOUTH) DAKOTA)	ORDER PERMITTING WITHDRAWAL OF APPLICATION AND CLOSING DOCKET TC00-189
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On November 21, 2000, Claricom Networks, Inc. d/b/a Staples Communications - Networks (Claricom) filed an application with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for a certificate of authority to operate as a telecommunications company within the state of South Dakota.

On February 27, 2001, Claricom requested that its application for a certificate of authority be withdrawn.

At its regularly scheduled March 6, 2001, meeting, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-31-3 and ARSD Chapter 20:10:32. The Commission found that Claricom's request to withdraw its request for a certificate of authority is reasonable and closed the docket. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Claricom shall be permitted to withdraw its request for a certificate of authority, and it is further

ORDERED, that this docket is closed.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 9th day of March, 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>Nelson Kelso</i></u>
Date:	<u>3/12/01</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner