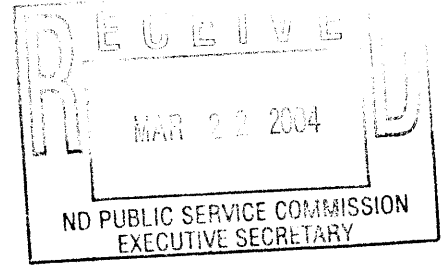


BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF NORTH DAKOTA

BEK Communications Cooperative,)
 Consolidated Telcom, Dakota Central)
 Telecommunications Cooperative, Dickey)
 Rural Telephone Cooperative, Griggs)
 County Telephone Company, Inter-Community)
 Telephone Company, LLC, Missouri Valley)
 Communications, Inc., Moore and Liberty)
 Telephone Company, Nemont Telephone)
 Cooperative, Inc., North Dakota Telephone)
 Company, Northwest Communications)
 Cooperative, Polar Communications Mutual)
 Aid Corporation, and Reservation Telephone)
 Cooperative,)
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 Complainants,)
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 vs.)
)
 SmartNET, Inc., d/b/a CallSmart,)
)
 Respondent.)



Case No. PU-2967-03-666

**APPLICATION FOR REVIEW
 OF INFORMATION CLAIMED
 TO BE TRADE SECRET
 INFORMATION**

This application is filed pursuant to Rule 69-02-09-07 of the North Dakota Rules of the Administrative Code of the North Dakota Public Service Commission (Commission).

The undersigned hereby notifies the Commission and SmartNET's attorney, Bruce A. Selinger, that it desires to review information filed by SmartNET on March 16, 2004, and for which Trade Secret designation has been sought, as follows:

1. The names and addresses of the person(s) who will review the information are:
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2. The information requested includes all documentation filed by SmartNET, Inc., by transmission of March 16, 2004, and designated Trade Secret. This includes, but is not limited to, contracts between SmartNET, Inc., and Sprint and two companies through which SmartNET, Inc., claims to terminate internet traffic, the names of whom the undersigned will keep confidential, at the request of SmartNET, Inc.

3. The reason why this information is needed is to substantiate the claims of SmartNET, Inc., that it:

- a. Utilizes Sprint as an Internet Service Provider to haul long distance telecommunications, and
- b. Has contracted with two other providers to provide terminating services for its traffic carried on the internet.

This information is necessary to determine if SmartNET, Inc., has properly complied with protocols established by the FCC and if it operates in North Dakota in a manner contrary to North Dakota protocols and regulatory mandates.

4. The purpose of the review is to prepare for a hearing on March 30, 2004, in this matter.

5. The intended use of the information is to prepare for testimony at a hearing, as noted above. Mr. Anagnost is a professional engineer retained by the Complainants to provide expert testimony in this matter.

6. The amount of time needed for review will vary depending on the extent of the documentation but is estimated at one to six hours, to occur on the morning of March 29, 2004.

Dated this 19th day of March, 2004.

PRINGLE & HERIGSTAD, P.C.

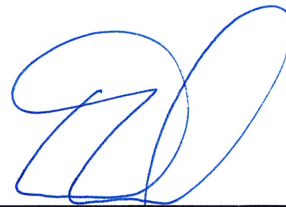


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

A true and correct copy of the foregoing Application for Review of Information Claimed to be Trade Secret Information was served by fax transmission on the 19th day of March, 2004, on the following:

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