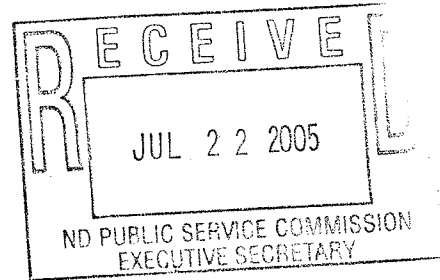


BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF NORTH DAKOTA

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

**RESPONSE OF RTCG
TO PETITION FOR
RECONSIDERATION
OF SMARTNET, INC.**

The Rural Telephone Company Group (RTCG) resists and opposes the Petition for Reconsideration filed by SmartNET, Inc., dated July 13, 2005.

The request for reconsideration is nothing more than a regurgitation of the very issues that were before this Commission when it issued its Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order on June 29, 2005.

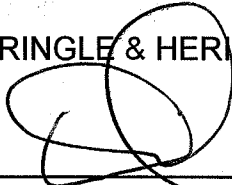
This Commission is in a much better position to weigh policies which apply to intrastate access charges in North Dakota than a Texas Bankruptcy Court is to decipher the applicability of interstate access charges under a contractual arrangement AT&T had with a Texas-based company.

The Texas decision in Transcom Enhanced Services, LLC, filed by SmartNET, Inc., contained absolutely no recital of facts. The Court merely found that AT&T's arguments were insufficient to require a cure under an executory contract in a bankruptcy business reorganization.

The decision of the Commission on June 29, 2005, that intrastate access charges are appropriate is well reasoned and SmartNET, Inc., has offered no revelations that warrant a reconsideration of that opinion.

Respectfully submitted this 21st day of July, 2005.

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