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In the Matter of

IN THE MATTER OF THE  
APPLICATION OF CRYSTAL  
COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR A  
CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO  
PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA

Public Utilities Commission of the State of South Dakota

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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC  
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William Bullard  
 Executive Director  
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 State of South Dakota  
 500 East Capitol  
 Pierre, South Dakota 57501

Re: In the Matter of the Request of Crystal Communications, Inc. For a Certificate of Authority to Provide Competitive Local Exchange Service and Interexchange Telecommunications Services  
 Docket No. TC97-

Dear Mr. Bullard:

Enclosed please find an original and eleven copies of the Request for a Certificate of Authority, Request for Confidential Treatment of Information and Proprietary Pro Forma on behalf of Crystal Communications, Inc. A Certificate of Service is also enclosed.

Very truly yours,

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*Michael J. Bradley*  
 Michael J. Bradley

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 cc: All parties of record  
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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC  
UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST OF )  
CRYSTAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC. )  
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY )  
TO PROVIDE COMPETITIVE LOCAL )  
EXCHANGE SERVICE AND INTEREXCHANGE )  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES )

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Pursuant to S.D.C.L. § 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02, Crystal Communications, Inc. ("Crystal") seeks a state-wide certificate of authority to provide local telecommunications services and interexchange telecommunications services.

At this time, Crystal will only offer its telecommunications services within US WEST Communications, Inc.'s ("US WEST") exchanges. It will not offer any local telecommunications services within a Rural Telephone Company service area without seeking separate South Dakota Public Utilities Commission authority.

The following is the information required and in support of Crystal's Application:

- (1) Name, address and telephone number of applicant:

Crystal Communications, Inc.  
221 East Hickory Street  
PO Box 3248  
Mankato, MN 56002-3248  
(800) 326-5789

- (2) Name under which applicant will provide telecommunications services:

Crystal Communications, Inc.

- (3)(a) State and date of incorporation of applicant:

State of Minnesota  
Incorporated January 21, 1997, Certificate of Incorporation attached  
Qualified to do business in South Dakota as a foreign corporation on  
March 28, 1997, Certificate attached

- (3)(b) Location of principal office and name and address of current registered agent:

Principal Office:

221 East Hickory Street  
PO Box 3248  
Mankato, MN 56002-3248  
(800) 326-5789

Current Registered Agent:

May, Adam, Gerdes & Thompson, LLP  
503 South Pierre St.  
PO Box 160  
Pierre, SD 57501-0160

- (3)(c) Names and addresses of any corporation, association, partnership, cooperative, or individual holding a twenty percent (20%) or greater ownership or management interest in applicant corporation, and indicating the amount and character of the ownership or management interest:

Sole shareholder:

Hickory Tech Corporation  
221 East Hickory Street  
PO Box 3248  
Mankato, MN 56002-3248

Hickory Tech Corporation ("HTC") is a publicly-held corporation whose common stock is listed on NASDAQ's National Market Trading System. Applicant is affiliated with a family of companies, including Mankato Citizens Telephone Company, Mid-Communications, Inc., Heartland Telecommunications of Iowa, Cable Network, Inc., and the Amana Colonies Telephone Company, which provide diversified telecommunications products and services to consumers, businesses, educational institutions, government agencies and other communications companies. Approximately 400 people are employed by these affiliated companies, and the wireline operations of HTC's subsidiaries service approximately 50,000 access lines. Wireless operations serve nearly 60,000 customers through HTC's minority ownership interest in a cellular service corporation. Equipment sales and Internet services are also provided by the affiliated group.

- (3)(d) Names and addresses of subsidiaries owned or controlled by applicant:

None



- (4) If applicant is a partnership, the name, title, and business address of each partner, both general and limited:

Not applicable to Applicant.

- (5) A specific description of the telecommunications services applicant intends to offer:

The services Applicant proposes to offer to both business and residential customers include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Basic Residential Exchange Services (Local Exchange Flat Rate, Operator Access)
- Residential Custom and Class Features (call waiting, caller ID, call forwarding, call blocking, speed calling, etc.)
- Basic Business Exchange Services
- Business Custom Calling and Class Features
- Adjunct Provided Features (voice messaging, etc.)
- Business and Residential Ancillary Services (911, E911, 411, Relay Service, directory listing, directory assistance, etc.)
- Centrex [where available from the incumbent local exchange carrier ("LEC")]
- ISDN (where available from the incumbent LEC)
- Assignment of new numbers, Number Portability
- AIN Provided Features
- DID Trunks and Lines
- Analog and Digital Private Lines, including special access
- Internet Access

- (6) A detailed statement of the means by which applicant will provide its services, including the type and quantity of equipment to be used in the operation, the capacity and the expected use of the equipment:

Initially, Applicant's services will be resold local exchange telecommunications services and local exchange services using unbundled network elements. Accordingly, the technology used to provide the services will be entirely dependent upon the existing systems of the incumbent providers.

Applicant also intends, within three years, to obtain and operate its own facilities for the purpose of providing the above-described services in the Sioux Falls metropolitan area. Applicant anticipates entering into an interconnection agreement with US WEST, which would allow Applicant to collocate digital loop carrier equipment in the Sioux Falls central offices and to purchase unbundled local loop facilities from US WEST. The digital loop carrier equipment is expected to be connected to leased DS-3 facilities, which would, in turn, be connected to a DMS 100 located in Rock Rapids, Iowa, for switching and special features. Applicant intends to enter into an agreement with Heartland Telecommunications Company of Iowa for these services.

- (7) The geographical areas in which the services will be offered, including a map describing the service area:

Applicant will offer its services in the exchanges currently served by US WEST. A map of the proposed service areas is attached.

- (8) Current financial statements; a copy of applicant's latest annual report; a copy of applicant's report to stockholders; and a copy of applicant's tariff with the terms and conditions of service:

Applicant is newly formed and has not issued an annual report or report to shareholders. Similarly, since Applicant is newly formed, it cannot provide historical financial data. Applicant has separately provided with this application its forecasted statement of income for its first three years of operation, for which Applicant is requesting confidential treatment pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:41 (1996).

Applicant will submit its proposed tariff at the time its resale and interconnection agreement(s) with US WEST have been negotiated.

- (9) The name and address of applicant's representative to whom all inquiries should be made regarding complaints and regulatory matters and a description of how applicant handles customer billings and customer service matters:

Applicant's representative to contact with inquiries is:

F. Ernest (Ernie) Lombard  
221 East Hickory Street  
PO Box 3248  
Mankato, MN 56002-3248  
(800) 326-5789

HTC will provide Applicant with the support needed to handle customer requests for service activities, service repairs, moves and adds or changes, operator assisted calls and directory assistance. Customers may call toll-free for assistance or inquiries at (800) 326-5789. HTC will also perform all billing services, providing Applicant's customers with monthly bills that detail both recurring and non-recurring charges, as appropriate. HTC personnel and management have extensive and successful experience in all customer service and equipment maintenance matters.

- (10) A list of the states in which applicant is registered or certified to do business and, if applicant has ever been denied registration or certification in any state, the reasons for the denial:

On May 15, 1997, Applicant received a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity from the Iowa Public Utilities Board to provide local exchange telecommunications services in the Iowa exchanges currently served by US WEST and GTE Minnesota ("GTE"). A Certificate of Authority to provide interexchange services in Minnesota was granted on June 10, 1997. Applications are now pending before the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission requesting authority to provide competitive local exchange carrier services (both resale and facilities-based) in the Minnesota exchanges currently served by US WEST, GTE and Sprint/United Telephone Company. Applicant has never been denied registration or certification in any state.

- (11) A detailed description of how applicant intends to market its services, the qualifications of its marketing sales personnel, its target market, whether applicant engages in any multilevel marketing, and copies of any company brochures used to assist in the sales of services:

Applicant intends to market its services through a combination of telemarketing and direct mailings. Applicant has employed a Senior Product Manager for Communications Services who will be responsible for oversight of marketing sales personnel training and performance, with reporting responsibilities to Mr. Lombard. Applicant's target markets are the residential and small-to-medium sized business segments, and Applicant will not engage in any multilevel marketing. Applicant has not yet prepared brochures for marketing purposes.

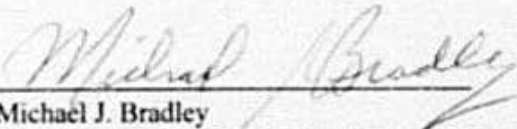
Also enclosed with this filing is a check made payable to the State of South Dakota for Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) as required by S.D.C.L. § 49-31-3.

Dated: June 18, 1997

Respectfully submitted,

CRYSTAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

By



Michael J. Bradley  
Moss & Barnett, A Professional Association  
4800 Norwest Center  
Minneapolis, MN 55402  
(612) 347-0337  
Its Attorneys



State of Minnesota

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## SECRETARY OF STATE

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### CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

I, Joan Anderson Grove, Secretary of State of Minnesota, do certify that: Articles of Incorporation, duly signed and acknowledged under oath, have been filed on this date in the Office of the Secretary of State, for the incorporation of the following corporation, under and in accordance with the provisions of the chapter of Minnesota Statutes listed below.

This corporation is now legally organized under the laws of Minnesota.

Corporate Name: Crystal Communications, Inc.

Corporate Charter Number: 9M-713

Chapter Formed Under: 302A

This certificate has been issued on 01/21/1997.



*Joan Anderson Grove*  
Secretary of State.

# State of South Dakota



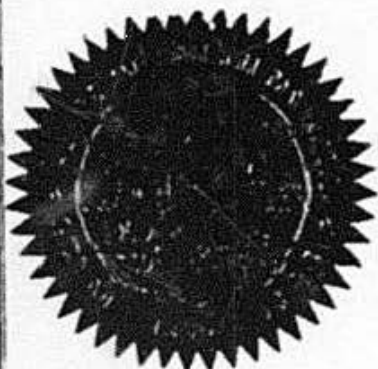
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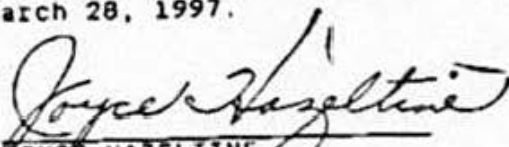
### CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

I, JOYCE HAZELTINE, Secretary of State of the State of South Dakota, hereby certify that the Application for a Certificate of Authority of CRYSTAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC. (MN) to transact business in this state duly signed and verified pursuant to the provisions of the South Dakota Corporation Acts, have been received in this office and are found to conform to law.

ACCORDINGLY and by virtue of the authority vested in me by law, I hereby issue this Certificate of Authority and attach hereto a duplicate of the application to transact business in this state under the name of CRYSTAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, at Pierre, the Capital, this March 28, 1997.



  
JOYCE HAZELTINE  
Secretary of State

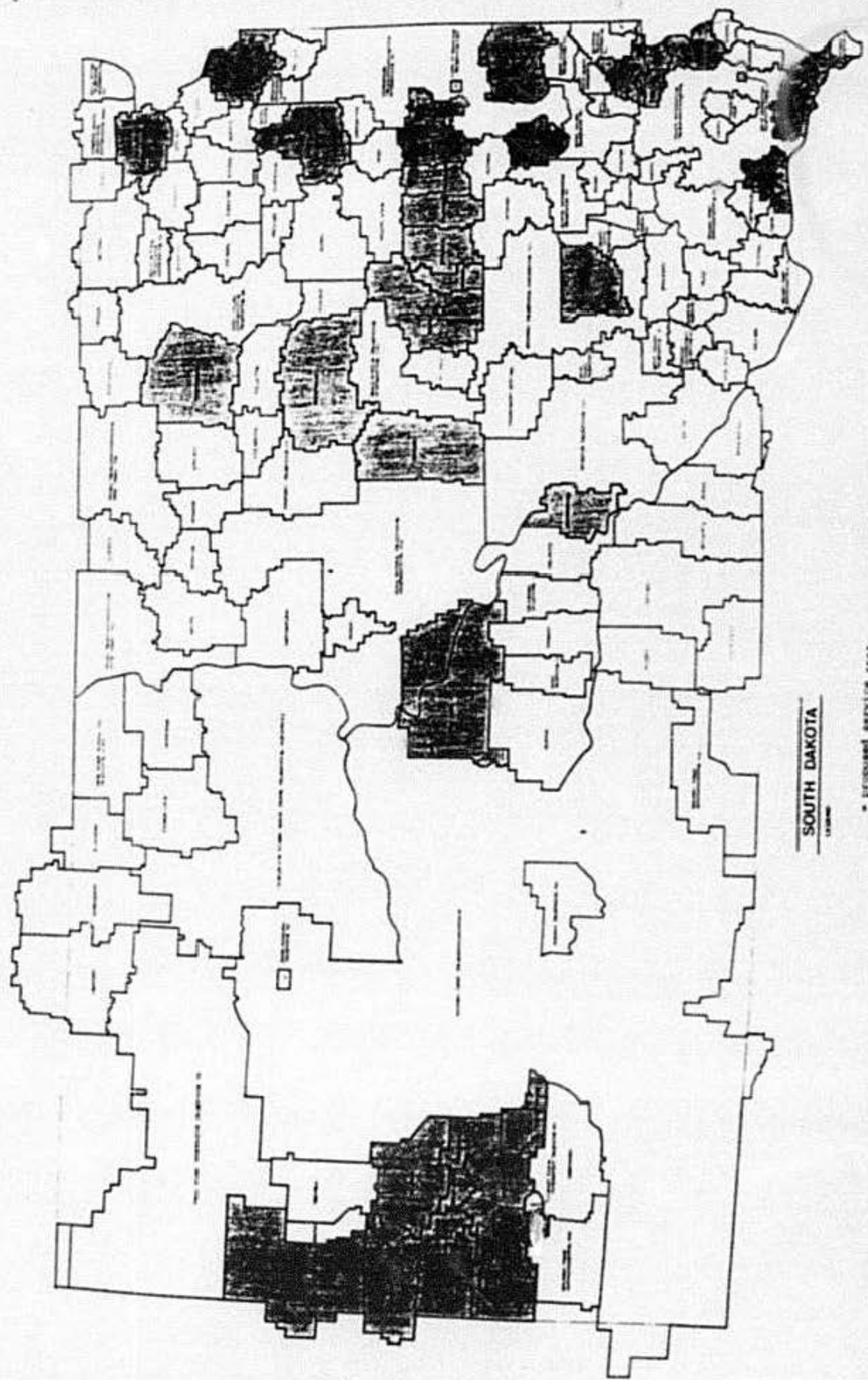
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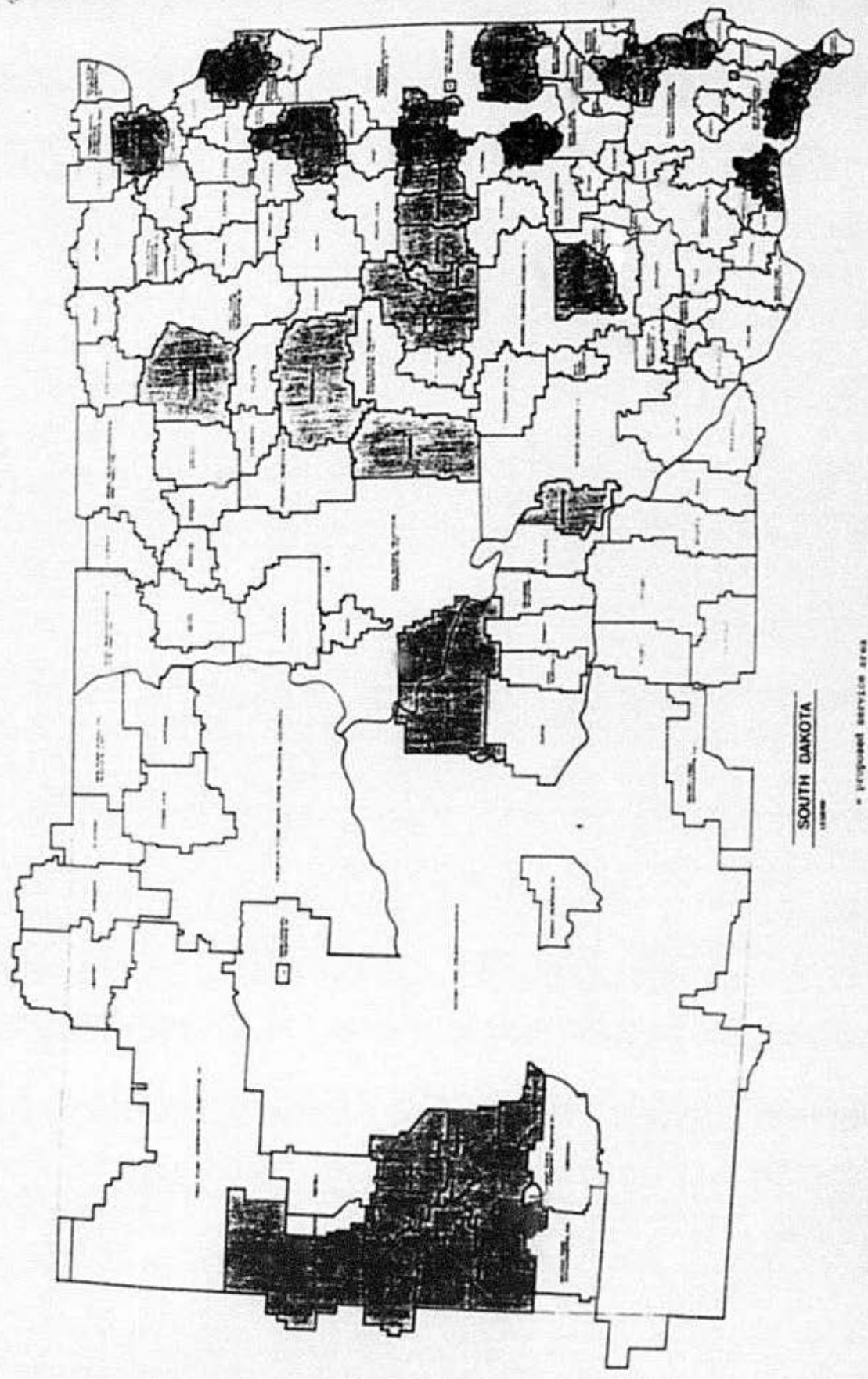


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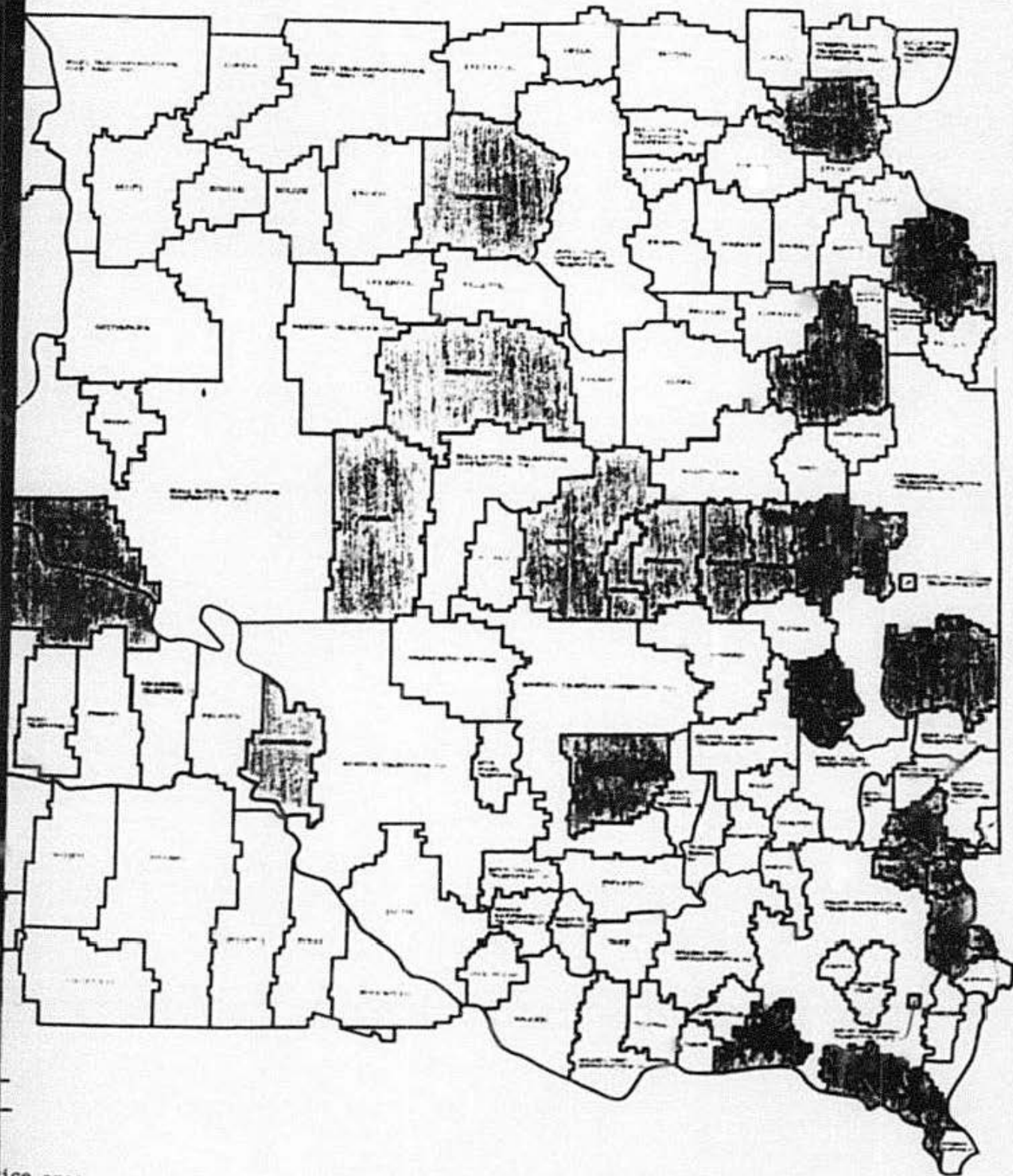
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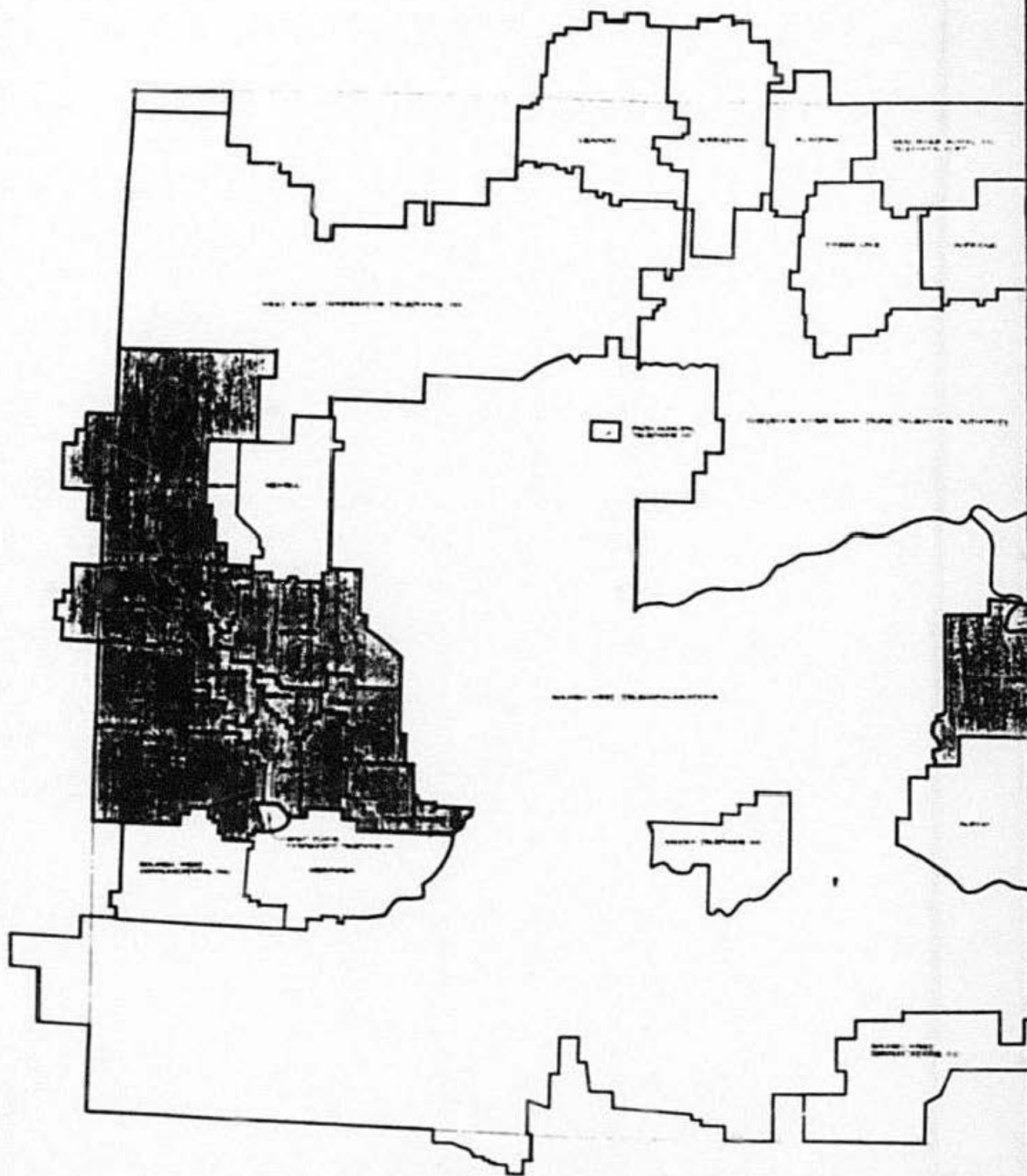
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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC  
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IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST OF	)	REQUEST FOR
CRYSTAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	)	CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY	)	OF INFORMATION
TO PROVIDE COMPETITIVE LOCAL	)	
EXCHANGE SERVICE AND INTEREXCHANGE	)	DOCKET TC97-
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES	)	

Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:41, Crystal Communications, Inc. ("Crystal"), through its undersigned attorney, Michael J. Bradley, requests that the attached original and eleven copies of the pro forma, enclosed in a sealed envelope and appropriately marked, be afforded confidential treatment as provided for in ARSD 40:10:01:40 and 40:10:01:42 through 44. In support of this request, Crystal states as follows:

1. The document in the attached sealed envelope is a pro forma entitled: "Crystal Communications, Inc. Forecasted Statement of Income".

The pro forma contains the forecasted balance sheet, income statement, cash flow statement and projected taxes for Crystal Communications, Inc. for its first three (3) years of operation, and must be treated as confidential for the protection of Crystal.

2. The length of time for which confidentiality is being requested is five years.

3. The name, address and telephone number of the person to be contacted regarding this request is:

Michael J. Bradley  
MOSS & BARNETT  
A Professional Association  
4800 Norwest Center  
90 South Seventh Street  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402  
Telephone: 612-347-0337

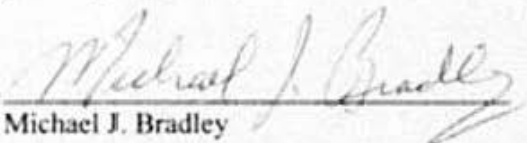
4. A trade secret is defined in SDCL 37-29-1(4) as a compilation which derives economic value from not being generally known to persons who can obtain economic value from its disclosure.

5. Telephone companies have always treated this type of information as confidential, taking efforts to prevent its disclosure. They have taken this precaution because the information includes the company's revenues by class of service, expenses and net income. This information would have economic value to potential competitors. The information contained in the pro forma is not a matter of public interest; it is strictly confidential and private information.

6. Accordingly, Crystal requests confidential protection for the attached document.

Dated: June 18, 1997

Respectfully submitted,

By   
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Attorneys on Behalf of Crystal  
Communications, Inc.

**CONFIDENTIAL 1**

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that an original and eleven copies of the above and foregoing application for state-wide authority to provide local telecommunications service by Crystal Communications, Inc. were sent via Federal Express on the 18th day of June, 1997, to the following:

William Bullard  
Executive Director  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
State of South Dakota  
500 East Capitol  
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

and a true and correct copy was sent by Federal Express to the following:

Rolayne Wiest  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
Capitol Building  
500 East Capitol  
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

and a true and correct copy by United States Mail, postage prepaid, to the persons on the attached list.

  
Jean J. Hunsinger



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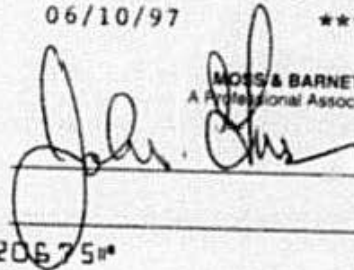
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## TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE FILINGS

These are the telecommunications service filings that the Commission has received for the period of:

06/13/97 through 06/19/97

If you need a complete copy of a filing faxed, overnight expressed, or mailed to you, please contact Delaine Kolbo within five days of this filing.

DOCKET NUMBER	TITLE/STAFF/SYNOPSIS	DATE FILED	INTERVENTION DEADLINE
<b>REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY</b>			
TC97-076	Application by Journey Telecom International, Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to operate as a telecommunications company within the state of South Dakota. (Staff: TS/TZ)	06/13/97	07/07/97
TC97-091	Application by Calls for Less, Inc. d/b/a CfL for a Certificate of Authority to operate as a telecommunications company within the state of South Dakota. (Staff: TS/TZ) Applicant seeks authority to originate and terminate "intrastate, intraLATA and interLATA calls of business and residential customers, to operate as a Travel and Debit (Prepaid Calling) Card reseller, and to provide COCOT/COPT service."	06/17/97	07/07/97
TC97-103	Application by Crystal Communications, Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to operate as a telecommunications company within the state of South Dakota. (Staff: TS/TZ) Applicant seeks authority to provide local telecommunications services and interexchange telecommunications services. The Applicant will not offer any local telecommunications services within a Rural Telephone Company service area without seeking separate Commission authority.	06/19/97	07/07/97
TC97-104	Application by Quintelco, Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to operate as a telecommunications company within the state of South Dakota. (Staff: TS/TZ) Applicant "intends to subscribe to and resell all forms of inter-exchange and intra-exchange telecommunications services in the state of South Dakota, including local dial tone services, Message Telephone Service, Wide Area Telephone Service, WATS-like services, foreign exchange service, private lines, tie lines, access service, cellular service, local switched service and other services and facilities of communications common carriers and other entities."	06/19/97	07/07/97
<b>REQUEST FOR ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY STATUS</b>			
TC97-077	Intrastate Telephone Company, Inc. pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 214(e) and 47 CFR 54.201 hereby seeks designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier within the local exchange areas that constitute its service area in South Dakota. Intrastate Telephone Company is the facilities-based local exchange carrier presently providing local exchange telecommunications services in the following exchanges in South Dakota: Bradley (784), Castlewood (793), Clark (532), Florence (758), Hayti (783), Lake Norden (785), Waubay (947), Webster (345), Willow Lake (625) and Bryant (628). Intrastate Telephone Company, to its knowledge, is the only carrier today providing local exchange telecommunications services in the above identified exchange areas. (Staff: HB/KC)	06/13/97	07/07/97



TC97-078	Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 214(e) and 47 CFR 54.201 hereby seeks designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier within the local exchange areas that constitute its service area in South Dakota. Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative is the facilities-based local exchange carrier presently providing local exchange telecommunications services in the following exchanges in South Dakota: Goodwin (795), Clear Lake (874), Gary (272), Estelline (873), Brandt (876), Astoria (832), Toronto (794), West Hendricks (479), Eikton (542), White (629), Brookings Rural (693), Sinai (826), Nunda/Rutland (586), Wentworth (483) and Chester (489). Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative, to its knowledge, is the only carrier today providing local exchange telecommunications services in the above identified exchange areas. (Staff: HB/KC)	06/13/97	07/07/97
TC97-090	West River Cooperative Telephone Company pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 214(e) and 47 CFR 54.201 hereby seeks designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier within the local exchange areas that constitute its service area in South Dakota. West River Telephone is the facilities-based local exchange carrier presently providing local exchange telecommunications services in the following exchanges: Bison (244), Buffalo (375), Camp Crook (605-797) and (406-972), Meadow (788) and Sorum (866). West River Telephone, to its knowledge, is the only carrier today providing local exchange telecommunications services in the above identified exchange areas. (Staff: HB/KC)	06/16/97	07/07/97
TC97-081	Stateline Telecommunications, Inc. pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 214(e) and 47 CFR 54.201 hereby seeks designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier within the local exchange areas that constitute its service area in South Dakota. Stateline is the facilities-based local exchange carrier presently providing local exchange telecommunications services in the following exchanges: Newell (456), Nisland (257) and Lemmon (605-374) and (701-376). Stateline, to its knowledge, is the only carrier today providing local exchange telecommunications services in the above identified exchange areas. (Staff: HB/KC)	06/16/97	07/07/97
TC97-083	Accent Communications, Inc. pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 214(e) and 47 CFR 54.201 hereby seeks designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier within the local exchange areas that constitute its service area. Accent is the facilities-based exchange carrier presently providing local exchange telecommunications services in the following exchanges: Bristol (492), Doland (635), Frederick (329), Hecla (994), North Hecla (701-992) and Mellette (887). Accent, to its knowledge, is the only carrier today providing local exchange telecommunications services in the above identified exchange areas. (Staff: HB/CH)	06/17/97	07/07/97
TC97-084	James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 214(e) and 47 CFR 54.201 hereby seeks designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier within the local exchange areas that constitute its service area in South Dakota. James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company is the facilities-based exchange carrier presently providing local exchange telecommunications services in the following exchanges in South Dakota: Andover (298), Claremont (294), Columbia (396), Conde (382), Ferny (395), Groton (397), Houghton (885) and Turton (897). James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company, to its knowledge, is the only carrier today providing local exchange telecommunications services in the above identified exchange areas. (Staff: HB/CH)	06/17/97	07/07/97
TC97-085	Heartland Communications, Inc. pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 214(e) and 47 CFR 54.201 hereby seeks designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier within the local exchange areas that constitute its service area in South Dakota. Heartland Communications is the facilities-based local exchange carrier presently providing local exchange telecommunications services in the following exchanges in South Dakota: Platte/Geddes (337). Heartland Communications, to its knowledge, is the only carrier today providing local exchange telecommunications services in the above identified exchange areas. (Staff: HB/CH)	06/17/97	07/07/97



TC97-086	Midstate Telephone Company, Inc. pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 214(e) and 47 CFR 54.201 hereby seeks designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier within the local exchange areas that constitute its service area in South Dakota. Midstate Telephone Company is the facilities-based local exchange carrier presently providing local exchange telecommunications services in the following exchanges in South Dakota: Academy (726), Delmont (779), Ft. Thompson (245), Gann Valley (293), Kimball (778), New Holland (243), Pukwana (894), Stickney (732) and White Lake (249). Midstate Telephone Company, to its knowledge, is the only carrier today providing local exchange telecommunications services in the above identified exchange areas. (Staff: HB/CH)	06/17/97	07/07/97
TC97-087	Baltic Telecom Cooperative pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 214(e) and 47 CFR 54.201 hereby seeks designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier within the local exchange areas that constitute its service area. Baltic Telecom Cooperative is the facilities-based local exchange carrier presently providing local exchange telecommunications services in the following exchanges: Baltic (529) and Crooks (543). Baltic Telecom Cooperative, to its knowledge, is the only carrier today providing local exchange telecommunications services in the above identified exchange areas. (Staff: HB/KC)	06/17/97	07/07/97
TC97-088	East Plains Telecom, Inc. pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 214(e) and 47 CFR 54.201 hereby seeks designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier within the local exchange areas that constitute its service area. East Plains Telecom, Inc. is the facilities-based local exchange carrier presently providing local exchange telecommunications services in the following exchanges: Alcester (934), Hudson (984), and East Hudson (712-982). East Plains Telecom, Inc., to its knowledge, is the only carrier today providing local exchange telecommunications services in the above identified exchange areas. (Staff: HB/KC)	06/17/97	07/07/97
TC97-089	Western Telephone Company pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 214(e) and 47 CFR 54.201 hereby seeks designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier within the local exchange areas that constitute its service area in South Dakota. Western Telephone is the facilities-based local exchange carrier presently providing local exchange telecommunications services in the following exchanges: Cresbard (324), Faulkton (598) and Orient (392). Western Telephone, to its knowledge, is the only carrier today providing local exchange telecommunications services in the above identified exchange areas. (Staff: HB/KC)	06/17/97	07/07/97
TC97-090	Stockholm-Strandburg Telephone Company pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 214(e) and 47 CFR 54.201 hereby seeks designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier within the local exchange areas that constitute its service area in South Dakota. Stockholm is the facilities-based local exchange carrier presently providing local exchange telecommunications services in the following exchanges in South Dakota: Stockholm-Strandburg (676, Revillo (623) and South Shore (756). Stockholm, to its knowledge, is the only carrier today providing local exchange telecommunications services in the above identified exchange areas. (Staff: HB/KC)	06/17/97	07/07/97
TC97-092	Kennebec Telephone Co. pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 214(e) and 47 CFR 54.201 hereby seeks designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier within the local exchange areas that constitute its service area in South Dakota. Kennebec Telephone Co. is the facilities-based local exchange carrier presently providing local exchange telecommunications services in the following exchanges: Kennebec (859) and Presho (895). Kennebec Telephone Co., to its knowledge, is the only carrier today providing local exchange telecommunications services in the above identified exchange areas. (Staff: HB/CH)	06/18/97	07/07/97
TC97-093	Jefferson Telephone Co., Inc. pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 214(e) and 47 CFR 54.201 hereby seeks designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier within the local exchange areas that constitute its service area in South Dakota. Jefferson Telephone Co., Inc. is the facilities-based local exchange carrier presently providing local exchange telecommunications services in the following exchange: Jefferson (966). Jefferson Telephone Co., Inc., to its knowledge, is the only carrier today providing local exchange telecommunications services in the above identified exchange areas. (Staff: HB/CH)	06/18/97	07/07/97

TC97-086	Midstate Telephone Company, Inc. pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 214(e) and 47 CFR 54.201 hereby seeks designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier within the local exchange areas that constitute its service area in South Dakota. Midstate Telephone Company is the facilities-based local exchange carrier presently providing local exchange telecommunications services in the following exchanges in South Dakota: Academy (726), Delmont (779), Ft. Thompson (245), Gann Valley (293), Kimball (778), New Holland (243), Pukwana (894), Stickney (732) and White Lake (249). Midstate Telephone Company, to its knowledge, is the only carrier today providing local exchange telecommunications services in the above identified exchange areas. (Staff: HB/CH)	06/17/97	07/07/97
TC97-087	Baltic Telecom Cooperative pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 214(e) and 47 CFR 54.201 hereby seeks designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier within the local exchange areas that constitute its service area. Baltic Telecom Cooperative is the facilities-based local exchange carrier presently providing local exchange telecommunications services in the following exchanges: Baltic (529) and Crooks (543). Baltic Telecom Cooperative, to its knowledge, is the only carrier today providing local exchange telecommunications services in the above identified exchange areas. (Staff: HB/KC)	06/17/97	07/07/97
TC97-088	East Plains Telecom, Inc. pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 214(e) and 47 CFR 54.201 hereby seeks designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier within the local exchange areas that constitute its service area. East Plains Telecom, Inc. is the facilities-based local exchange carrier presently providing local exchange telecommunications services in the following exchanges: Alcester (934), Hudson (984), and East Hudson (712-982). East Plains Telecom, Inc., to its knowledge, is the only carrier today providing local exchange telecommunications services in the above identified exchange areas. (Staff: HB/KC)	06/17/97	07/07/97
TC97-089	Western Telephone Company pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 214(e) and 47 CFR 54.201 hereby seeks designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier within the local exchange areas that constitute its service area in South Dakota. Western Telephone is the facilities-based local exchange carrier presently providing local exchange telecommunications services in the following exchanges: Cresbard (324), Faulkton (598) and Orient (392). Western Telephone, to its knowledge, is the only carrier today providing local exchange telecommunications services in the above identified exchange areas. (Staff: HB/KC)	06/17/97	07/07/97
TC97-090	Stockholm-Strandburg Telephone Company pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 214(e) and 47 CFR 54.201 hereby seeks designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier within the local exchange areas that constitute its service area in South Dakota. Stockholm is the facilities-based local exchange carrier presently providing local exchange telecommunications services in the following exchanges in South Dakota: Stockholm-Strandburg (676, Revillo (623) and South Shore (756). Stockholm, to its knowledge, is the only carrier today providing local exchange telecommunications services in the above identified exchange areas. (Staff: HB/KC)	06/17/97	07/07/97
TC97-092	Kennebec Telephone Co. pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 214(e) and 47 CFR 54.201 hereby seeks designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier within the local exchange areas that constitute its service area in South Dakota. Kennebec Telephone Co. is the facilities-based local exchange carrier presently providing local exchange telecommunications services in the following exchanges: Kennebec (859) and Presho (895). Kennebec Telephone Co., to its knowledge, is the only carrier today providing local exchange telecommunications services in the above identified exchange areas. (Staff: HB/CH)	06/18/97	07/07/97
TC97-093	Jefferson Telephone Co., Inc. pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 214(e) and 47 CFR 54.201 hereby seeks designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier within the local exchange areas that constitute its service area in South Dakota. Jefferson Telephone Co., Inc. is the facilities-based local exchange carrier presently providing local exchange telecommunications services in the following exchange: Jefferson (966). Jefferson Telephone Co., Inc., to its knowledge, is the only carrier today providing local exchange telecommunications services in the above identified exchange areas. (Staff: HB/CH)	06/18/97	07/07/97

TC97-094	Sully Buttes Telephone Cooperative, Inc. pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 214(e) and 47 CFR 54.201 hereby seeks designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier within the local exchange areas that constitute its service area. Sully Buttes Telephone is the facilities-based local exchange carrier presently providing local exchange telecommunications services in the following exchanges: West Onida (264), Hitchcock (266), Seneca (436), Tolstoy (442), Onaka (447), Wessington (458), Langford (493), Rosholt (537), Tulare (596), Highmore (852), Harrold (875), Ree Heights (943), Hoven (948), Blunt (962) and East Onida (973). Sully Buttes Telephone, to its knowledge, is the only carrier today providing local exchange telecommunications services in the above identified exchange areas. (Staff: HB/CH)	06/19/97	07/07/97
TC97-095	Venture Communications, Inc. pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 214(e) and 47 CFR 54.201 hereby seeks designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier within the local exchange areas that constitute its service area. Venture Communications is the facilities-based local exchange carrier presently providing local exchange telecommunications services in the following exchanges: Onida (258), Bowdle (285), Roscoe (287), Pierpont (325), Britton (448), Britton, ND (701-443), Roslyn (486), Wessington Springs (539), Selby (649), Gettysburg (765) and Lebanon (768). Venture Communications, to its knowledge, is the only carrier today providing local exchange telecommunications services in the above identified exchange areas. (Staff: HB/CH)	06/19/97	07/07/97
TC97-096	SANCOM, Inc. pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 214(e) and 47 CFR 54.201 hereby seeks designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier within the local exchange areas that constitute its service area in South Dakota. SANCOM is the facilities-based local exchange carrier presently providing local exchange telecommunications services in the following exchanges in South Dakota: Walsey (883), Parkston (928) and Tripp (935). SANCOM, to its knowledge, is the only carrier today providing local exchange telecommunications services in the above identified exchange areas. (Staff: HB/CH)	06/19/97	07/07/97
TC97-097	Sanborn Telephone Cooperative pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 214(e) and 47 CFR 54.201 hereby seeks designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier within the local exchange areas that constitute its service area in South Dakota. Sanborn Telephone is the facilities-based local exchange carrier presently providing local exchange telecommunications services in the following exchanges in South Dakota: Ethan (227), Mt Vernon (236), Letcher (248), Forestburg (495), Artesian (527), Woonsocket (796) and Alpena (849). Sanborn Telephone, to its knowledge, is the only carrier today providing local exchange telecommunications services in the above identified exchange areas. (Staff: HB/CH)	06/19/97	07/07/97
TC97-098	Beresford Municipal Telephone Co. pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 214(e) and 47 CFR 54.201 hereby seeks designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier within the local exchange areas that constitute its service area in South Dakota. Beresford Tel. is the facilities-based local exchange carrier presently providing local exchange telecommunications services in the following exchange: Beresford (763). Beresford Tel., to its knowledge, is the only carrier today providing local exchange telecommunications services in the above identified exchange areas. (Staff: HB/KC)	06/19/97	07/07/97
TC97-099	Roberts County Telephone Cooperative Association pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 214(e) and 47 CFR 54.201 hereby seeks designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier within the local exchange areas that constitute its service area. Roberts County Telephone Cooperative Association is the facilities-based local exchange carrier presently providing local exchange telecommunications services in the following exchanges: North New Effington, ND (701-634), New Effington (637) and Claire City (652). Roberts County Telephone Cooperative Association, to its knowledge, is the only carrier today providing local exchange telecommunications services in the above identified exchange areas. (Staff: HB/KC)	06/19/97	07/07/97



TC97-100	RC Communications, Inc. pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 214(e) and 47 CFR 54.201 hereby seeks designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier within the local exchange areas that constitute its service area. RC Communications is the facilities-based local exchange carrier presently providing local exchange telecommunications services in the following exchanges: North Veblen, ND (701-634), Willmot (938), Peever (932), Veblen (738) and Summit (398). RC Communications, to its knowledge, is the only carrier today providing local exchange telecommunications services in the above identified exchange areas. (Staff: HB/KC)	06/19/97	07/07/97
TC97-101	Splitrock Properties, Inc. pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 214(e) and 47 CFR 54.201 hereby seeks designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier within the local exchange areas that constitute its service area in South Dakota. Splitrock Properties, Inc. is the facilities-based local exchange carrier presently providing local exchange telecommunications services in the following exchanges in South Dakota: Howard/Carthage (772) and Oldham/Ramona (482). Splitrock Properties, Inc., to its knowledge, is the only carrier today providing local exchange telecommunications services in the above identified exchange areas. (Staff: HB/KC)	06/19/97	07/07/97
TC97-102	Splitrock Telecom Cooperative, Inc. pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 214(e) and 47 CFR 54.201 hereby seeks designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier within the local exchange areas that constitute its service area. Splitrock Telecom Cooperative, Inc. is the facilities-based local exchange carrier presently providing local exchange telecommunications services in the following exchanges: Brandon (582) and Garretson (605-594) and (507-597). Splitrock Telecom Cooperative, Inc., to its knowledge, is the only carrier today providing local exchange telecommunications services in the above identified exchange areas. (Staff: HB/KC)	06/19/97	07/07/97
TC97-105	Tri-County Telecom, Inc. pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 214(e) and 47 CFR 54.201 hereby seeks designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier within the local exchange areas that constitute its service area in South Dakota. Tri-County Telecom, Inc. is the facilities-based local exchange carrier presently providing local exchange telecommunications services in the following exchanges in South Dakota: Clayton (825) and Emery (443). Tri-County Telecom, Inc., to its knowledge, is the only carrier today providing local exchange telecommunications services in the above identified exchange areas. (Staff: HB/CH)	06/19/97	07/07/97
<b>FILING OF TYPE 1 PAGING AGREEMENT</b>			
TC97-079	U S WEST Communications, Inc. filed for approval by the Commission the Type 1 Paging Agreement between KJAM Mobile Paging and U S WEST. "This Agreement was reached through voluntary negotiations without resort to mediation or arbitration and is submitted for approval pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996... KJAM Mobile Paging and U S WEST further request that the Commission approve this Agreement without a hearing and without allowing the intervention of other parties. Because this Agreement was reached through voluntary negotiations, it does not raise issues requiring a hearing and does not concern other parties not a part of the negotiations. Expedient approval would further the public interest."	06/16/97	07/07/97
<b>NONCOMPETITIVE TELECOMMUNICATIONS FILINGS</b>			
TC97-082	U S WEST Communications filed tariff sheets that remove references to exchanges that have been sold by U S WEST. The sale was effective June 1, 1997. In addition, this filing includes some text changes and clean-up items. U S WEST has requested an effective date of June 1, 1997, for this filing. (Staff: DJ/CH)	06/17/97	NA



<b>FILING OF INFORMATIONAL INTRASTATE PAYPHONE TARIFFS</b>			
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NA	East Plains Telecom, Inc. on June 13, 1997.	NA	NA
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Important Notice: The Commission is compiling a list of internet addresses. If you have an internet address please notify the Commission by E-mailing it to Terry Norum at [terryn@pub.state.sd.us](mailto:terryn@pub.state.sd.us). Faxing the address to the Commission at 605-773-3809.

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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

INDEMNITY BOND  
TO THE  
PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Bond No. 158345102

We **Crystal Communications, Inc.**, the principal and applicant for a CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY to resell long-distance telecommunications services within the State of South Dakota, and **American Casualty Co. of Reading, PA**, as an admitted surety insurer, bind ourselves unto the Public Service Commission of the State of South Dakota and the consumers of South Dakota as Obligees, in the sum of \$25,000.

The conditions of the obligation are such that the principal, having been granted such CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY subject to the provision that said principal purchase this indemnity Bond, and if said principal shall in all respects fully and faithfully comply with all applicable provisions of South Dakota State Law, and reimburse customers of **Crystal Communications, Inc.** for any pre-payment or deposits they have made with which may be unable or unwilling to return to said customers as a result of insolvency or other business failure. Then this obligation shall be void, discharged and forever exonerated, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

This bond shall take effect as of the date hereon and shall remain in force and effect until the surety is released from liability by the written order of the Public Service Commission, provided that the surety may cancel this Bond and be relieved of further liability hereunder by delivering thirty (30) days written notice to the Public Service Commission. Such cancellation shall not affect any liability incurred or accrued hereunder prior to the termination of said thirty (30) day period.

Dated this 30th day of July 1997  
To be effective this 30th day of July 1997

*Original Bond  
is in Debra's  
bottom desk drawer.*

**Crystal Communications, Inc.**  
By: *S. E. Leland*

**American Casualty Co. of Reading, PA**  
Surety  
By: *Deborah H. Sutherland*  
Deborah H. Sutherland  
Attorney-in-Fact

Countersigned this 31st day of  
July 1997

Countersign for South Dakota  
By: *J.J. Scherschlight*  
J.J. Scherschlight

American Casualty Company  
of Reading, Pennsylvania



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**POWER OF ATTORNEY APPOINTING INDIVIDUAL ATTORNEY-IN-FACT**

Know All Men by these Presents, That AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and having its principal office in the City of Chicago, and State of Illinois, does hereby make, constitute and appoint Donald L. Meier, B. L. Kellar, Stephen J. Steichen, Patricia A. Karth, Deborah H. Sutherland Individually

of Minneapolis, Minnesota

its true and lawful Attorney-in-fact with full power and authority hereby conferred to sign, seal and execute in its behalf bonds, undertakings and other obligatory instruments of similar nature

- In Unlimited Amounts -

and to bind AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such instruments were signed by the duly authorized officers of AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA and all the acts of said Attorney, pursuant to the authority hereby given are hereby ratified and confirmed.

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following By-Law duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company:

**"Article VI—Execution of Obligations and Appointment of Attorney-in-Fact**

Section 2. Appointment of Attorney-in-fact. The Chairman of the Board of Directors, the President or any Executive, Senior or Group Vice President may, from time to time, appoint by written certificates attorneys-in-fact to act in behalf of the Company in the execution of policies of insurance, bonds, undertakings and other obligatory instruments of like nature. Such attorneys-in-fact, subject to the limitations set forth in their respective certificates of authority, shall have full power to bind the Company by their signature and execution of any such instruments and to attach the seal of the Company thereto. The Chairman of the Board of Directors, the President or any Executive, Senior or Group Vice President may at any time revoke all power and authority previously given to any attorney-in-fact."

This Power of Attorney is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company at a meeting duly called and held on the 17th day of February, 1993:

"Resolved, that the signature of the President or any Executive, Senior or Group Vice President and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile on any power of attorney granted pursuant to Section 2 of Article VI of the By-Laws, and the signature of the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile to any certificate of any such power and any power or certificate bearing such facsimile signature and seal shall be valid and binding on the Company. Any such power so executed and sealed and certified by certificate so executed and sealed shall with respect to any bond or undertaking to which it is attached, continue to be valid and binding on the Company."

In Witness Whereof, AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA has caused these presents to be signed by its Group Vice President and its corporate seal to be hereto affixed on this 18th day of May, 1995.



AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA

M. C. Vonnahme Group Vice President

State of Illinois, County of Cook, ss

On this 18th day of May, 1995

before me personally came M. C. Vonnahme to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say that he resides in the Village of Darien, State of Illinois that he is a Group Vice President of AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA, the corporation described in and which executed the above instrument, that he knows the seal of said Corporation, that the seal affixed to the said instrument is such corporate seal, that it was so affixed pursuant to authority given by the Board of Directors of said corporation and that he signed his name thereto pursuant to like authority, and acknowledges same to be the act and deed of said corporation.



My Commission Expires October 19, 1998

Linda C. Dempsey

Notary Public

**CERTIFICATE**

I, Robert E. Ayo, Assistant Secretary of AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA, do hereby certify that the Power of Attorney herein above set forth is still in force, and further certify that Section 2 of Article VI of the By-Laws of the Company and the Resolution of the Board of Directors, set forth in said Power of Attorney are still in force. In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of the said Company this 30th day of July, 1997.



ACKNOWLEDGMENT

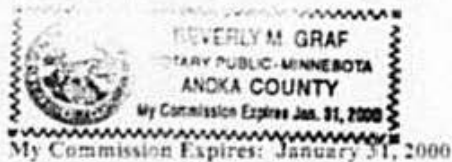
STATE OF MINNESOTA )  
                                      ) ss.  
COUNTY OF Hennepin )

On this 30th day of July 1997  
before me a Notary Public within and for said County, personally appeared

Deborah H. Sutherland to me personally known, who being  
by me duly sworn did say that X she is the Attorney-in-Fact of

American Casualty Company of Reading, PA the corporation  
named in the foregoing instrument, and that the seal affixed to said instrument  
is the Corporate Seal of said corporation, and that said instrument was signed  
and sealed in behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors

and said Deborah H. Sutherland acknowledged said instrument to  
be the free act and deed of said corporation.



Notary Public



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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF )</b>	<b>ORDER GRANTING</b>
<b>CRYSTAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR A )</b>	<b>CERTIFICATE OF</b>
<b>CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE )</b>	<b>AUTHORITY</b>
<b>TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, )</b>	
<b>INCLUDING LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICES, )</b>	<b>TC97-103</b>
<b>IN SOUTH DAKOTA )</b>	

On June 19, 1997, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission), in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02, received an application for a certificate of authority from Crystal Communications, Inc. (Crystal).

Crystal seeks to provide local telecommunications services and interexchange telecommunications services. A proposed tariff was filed by Crystal.

On June 19, 1997, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of July 7, 1997, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its regularly scheduled August 18, 1997, meeting, the Commission considered Crystal's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to rural safeguards. Commission Staff further recommended a waiver of 20:10:24:02(8) and (12).

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Chapter 49-31, specifically 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02 and 20:10:24:03. The Commission finds that Crystal has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Crystal has, in accordance with SDCL 49-31-1, demonstrated sufficient technical, financial and managerial capabilities to offer telecommunications services in South Dakota. Further, the Commission finds that there is good cause to waive subparagraphs (8) and (12) of ARSD 20:10:24:02.

The Commission approves Crystal's application for a certificate of authority, subject to rural safeguards. The certificate of authority for Crystal shall authorize it to offer local exchange services in those areas in South Dakota where U S WEST Communications, Inc. is the incumbent local exchange carrier. In the future, should Crystal choose to provide local exchange services statewide, with respect to rural telephone companies, Crystal will have to come before the Commission in another proceeding before being able to provide local service in that rural service area pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 253(f) which allows the Commission to require a company that seeks to provide service in a rural service area to meet the requirements in 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(1) for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier. In addition, the granting of statewide certification will not affect the exemptions, suspensions, and modifications for rural telephone companies found in 47 U.S.C. § 251(f). It is therefore

ORDERED, that Crystal's application for a Certificate of Authority to provide telecommunications services, including local exchange services, is granted, and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that Applicant shall file informational copies of tariff changes with the Commission as the changes occur; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the Commission shall authorize Crystal to offer its services in those areas in South Dakota where U S WEST Communications, Inc. is the incumbent local exchange carrier; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the Commission finds good cause to waive subparagraphs (8) and (12) of ARSD 20:10:24:02.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1997.

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>William Kaeb</u>
Date	<u>9/2/97</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg  
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson  
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

Laska Schoenfelder  
LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner

# SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

## CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

To Conduct Business As A Telecommunications Company  
Within The State Of South Dakota

Authority was Granted August 18, 1997  
Docket No. TC97-103

*This is to certify that*

**CRYSTAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.**

*is authorized to provide telecommunications services in South Dakota.*

This certificate is issued in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24.02, and is subject to all of the conditions and limitations contained in the rules and statutes governing its conduct of offering telecommunications services.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1997.

SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC  
UTILITIES COMMISSION:



*James Burg*  
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JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

*Pam Nelson*  
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PAM NELSON, Commissioner

*Laska Schoenfelder*  
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LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner