

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
360° LONG DISTANCE, INC. FOR A)
CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN)
SOUTH DAKOTA)

ORDER GRANTING
CERTIFICATE OF
AUTHORITY

TC96-188

On November 25, 1996, 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 360° Long Distance, Inc. (360°).

The applicant proposes to offer both inbound and outbound interexchange products, including "1 plus," 800/888 and calling card services, for the direct transmission and reception of voice and data between locations throughout the state of South Dakota. A proposed tariff was filed by 360°. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On November 27, 1996, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of December 13, 1996, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its regularly scheduled March 4, 1997, meeting, the Commission considered 360°'s request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that 360° not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission.

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 360° has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. 360° has, in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3, demonstrated sufficient technical, financial and managerial capabilities to offer telecommunications services in South Dakota. The Commission approves 360°'s application for a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that 360° not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that 360°'s application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted, subject to the condition that 360° not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. It is

FURTHER ORDERED, that 360° shall file informational copies of tariff changes with the Commission as the changes occur.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 11th day of March, 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 first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.

By: Deanne Kalbs

Date: 3/12/97

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

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PAM NELSON, Commissioner

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LASKA SCHÖNFELDER, Commissioner