

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
JOURNEY TELECOM INTERNATIONAL, INC.)
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO)
PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS)
SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA)

ORDER GRANTING
CERTIFICATE OF
AUTHORITY

TC97-076

On June 13, 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 Journey Telecom International, Inc. (Journey).

Journey proposes to act as a reseller of prepaid phone cards for intrastate and interstate for both residents and businesses. A proposed tariff was filed by Journey. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

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 March 26, 1998, meeting, the Commission considered Journey's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority.

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 Journey has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Journey 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 Journey's application for a certificate of authority. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that Journey's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted. It is

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 6th day of April, 1998.

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: <u>Melaine Kalbs</u>
Date: <u>4/8/98</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