

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF TELECARD SERVICES INTERNATIONAL, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA)	ORDER APPROVING WITHDRAWAL OF APPLICATION AND CLOSING DOCKET
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On August 22, 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 Telecard Services International, Inc. (Telecard).

Telecard proposed to offer 800 WATS and 1+ prepaid telecard services to the general public. A proposed tariff was filed by Telecard. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On August 29, 1996, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and intervention deadline of September 13, 1996, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed.

A regularly scheduled April 1, 1997, meeting, the Commission again considered this matter. Telecard asked to withdraw its application. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-31-3, ARSD 20:10:01:02, and 20:10:01:02.04. The Commission granted Telecard's request to withdraw its application. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Telecard's request to withdraw its application is granted and this docket is closed.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 10th day of April, 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: _____

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

PAM NELSON, Commissioner

Date: _____

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LASKA SCHOENFELDER,
Commissioner

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