

Telecommunications Orders - Issued 1997

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF TOUCH 1 LONG) ORDER GRANTING
DISTANCE, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO) CERTIFICATE OF
PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH) AUTHORITY
DAKOTA)
) TC96-176**

On October 15, 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 Touch 1 Long Distance, Inc. (Touch 1 Long Distance).

Touch 1 Long Distance proposes to operate as a reseller of intrastate interexchange services in South Dakota. Touch 1 Long Distance will offer a full range of 1+ interexchange services to the public in South Dakota, including MTS, WATS, 800, and calling card services as set forth in its proposed tariff. Touch 1 Long Distance will provide service over the transmission facilities of other interexchange carriers, primarily those of its affiliate WorldCom Network Services, Inc. d/b/a WilTel Network Services. A proposed tariff was filed by Touch 1 Long Distance. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On October 17, 1996, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of November 1, 1996, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and a regularly scheduled April 1, 1997, meeting, the Commission considered Touch 1 Long Distance'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 Touch 1 Long Distance has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Touch 1 Long Distance 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 Touch 1 Long Distance's application for a certificate of authority. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that Touch 1 Long Distance's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted. It is

FURTHER ORDERED, that Touch 1 Long Distance shall file informational copies of tariff changes with the Commission as the changes occur.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 10th day of April, 1997.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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.

JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

By: _____

PAM NELSON, Commissioner

Date: _____

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LASKA SCHOENFELDER,
Commissioner

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