

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF SPRINT SPECTRUM L.P. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA)))))	ORDER GRANTING CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TC97-003
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On January 13, 1997, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission received an application from Sprint Spectrum L.P. (Sprint Spectrum) for a certificate of authority to provide intrastate long distance service through the resale of the services of other certified common carriers within the state of South Dakota. The Applicant proposes to operate as a reseller of intraLATA and interLATA intrastate telecommunications services. Sprint Spectrum proposes to offer basic 1+ long distance services and eventually will expand its service offerings to include calling card, prepaid calling card and toll free service products. Sprint Spectrum will use its certification to provide toll services in conjunction with WirelessCo, L.P.'s provision of wireless PCS within the state of South Dakota.

A proposed tariff was filed by Sprint Spectrum. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On January 16, 1997, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of January 31, 1997, to interested individuals and entities. No parties have filed to intervene in this docket.

A regularly scheduled meeting of July 15, 1997, the Commission considered the application for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting the certificate of authority, subject to the condition that Applicant provide a bond or show updated financial information before offering services in South Dakota.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-31, specifically 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02 and 20:10:24:03. The Commission finds that Sprint Spectrum has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Sprint Spectrum 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 Applicant's application for a certificate of authority. The Commission finds that the certificate of authority shall be granted, subject to the Applicant providing a bond or showing updated financial information before offering services in South Dakota. (Commissioner Nelson dissenting). As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore ORDERED, that Applicant be granted a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that Applicant provide a bond or show updated financial information before offering services in South Dakota. It is further

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 29th day of July, 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.

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

PAM NELSON, Commissioner, Dissenting

LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner