

Telecommunications Orders - Issued 1997

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CRYSTAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INCLUDING LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICES, IN SOUTH DAKOTA)))))	ORDER GRANTING CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TC97-103
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On June 19, 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 Crystal Communications, Inc. (Crystal).

Crystal seeks to provide local telecommunications services and interexchange telecommunications services. A proposed tariff was filed by Crystal.

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 a regularly scheduled August 18, 1997, meeting, the Commission considered Crystal's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to rural safeguards. Commission Staff further recommended a waiver of 20:10:24:02(8) and (12).

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 Crystal has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Crystal has, in accordance with SDCL 49-31-1, demonstrated sufficient technical, financial and managerial capabilities to offer telecommunications services in South Dakota. Further, the Commission finds that there is good cause to waive subparagraphs (8) and (12) of ARSD 20:10:24:02.

The Commission approves Crystal's application for a certificate of authority, subject to rural safeguards. The certificate of authority for Crystal shall authorize it to offer local exchange services in those areas in South Dakota where U S WEST Communications, Inc. is the incumbent local exchange carrier. In the future, should Crystal choose to provide local exchange services statewide, with respect to rural telephone companies, Crystal will have to come before the Commission in another proceeding before being able to provide local service

in that rural service area pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 253(f) which allows the Commission to require a company that seeks to provide service in a rural service area to meet the requirements in 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(1) for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier. In addition, the granting of statewide certification will not affect the exemptions, suspensions, and modifications for rural telephone companies found in 47 U.S.C. § 251(f). It is therefore

ORDERED, that Crystal's application for a Certificate of Authority to provide telecommunications services, including local exchange services, is granted; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that Applicant shall file informational copies of tariff changes with the Commission as the changes occur; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the Commission shall authorize Crystal to offer its services in those areas in South Dakota where U S WEST Communications, Inc. is the incumbent local exchange carrier; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the Commission finds good cause to waive subparagraphs (8) and (12) of ARSD 20:10:24:02.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 27th day of August, 1997.

<p style="text-align: center;">CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</p> <p>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.</p> <p>By: _____</p> <p>Date: _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>	<p>BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>JAMES A. BURG, Chairman</p> <p>_____</p> <p>PAM NELSON, Commissioner</p> <p>_____</p> <p>LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner</p>
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