

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF )  
COMTEL COMPUTER CORP. FOR A )  
CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE )  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN )  
SOUTH DAKOTA )**

**ORDER GRANTING  
CERTIFICATE OF  
AUTHORITY  
  
TC97-136**

On August 1, 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 ComTel Computer Corp. (ComTel).

ComTel proposes to offer long distance voice telecommunications services over resold transmission facilities throughout the state of South Dakota. Such services will include "1+" direct dial calling, switched in-bound toll free service, travel card, debit card and directory assistance services. A proposed tariff was filed by ComTel. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On August 7, 1997, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of August 22, 1997, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its regularly scheduled September 9, 1997, meeting, the Commission considered ComTel'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 ComTel has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. ComTel 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 ComTel's application for a certificate of authority. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that ComTel's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted, effective October 1, 1997. It is

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1997.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>
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><i>Neiline Kalbs</i></u>
Date: <u>9/18/97</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