

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF )  
KCI LONG DISTANCE, INC. FOR A )  
CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE )  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN )  
SOUTH DAKOTA )

ORDER GRANTING  
CERTIFICATE OF  
AUTHORITY

TC97-138

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 KCI Long Distance, Inc. (KCI).

KCI proposes to operate as a reseller of intrastate telecommunications services such as WATS, 800, travel card, and debit card services. A proposed tariff was filed by KCI. 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 25, 1997, meeting, the Commission considered KCI's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that KCI not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission.

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 KCI has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. KCI 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 KCI's application for a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that KCI not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that KCI's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted, subject to the condition that KCI not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. It is

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 3rd day of October, 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>Nelaine Kelbo</i></u>
Date: <u>10/8/97</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