

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

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

ORDER GRANTING
CERTIFICATE OF
AUTHORITY

TC97-161

On September 25, 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 SBR, Inc. (SBR).

SBR is a switchless reseller which intends to offer 1+ direct dialing, 800 toll free, and travel card but no prepaid calling cards service through the resale of telephone services provided by facilities-based interexchange carriers. A proposed tariff was filed by SBR. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On September 25, 1997, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of October 10, 1997, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its regularly scheduled November 18, 1997, meeting, the Commission considered SBR's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that SBR 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 SBR has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. SBR 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 SBR's application for a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that SBR 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 SBR's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted, subject to the condition that SBR not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. It is

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 1st day of December, 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 first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.
By: <u><i>William Kelbo</i></u>
Date: <u>12/3/97</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

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LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner