

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
TELEHUB NETWORK SERVICES)
CORPORATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF)
AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN)
SOUTH DAKOTA)

ORDER GRANTING
CERTIFICATE OF
AUTHORITY

TC97-198

On December 22, 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 TeleHub Network Services Corporation (TeleHub).

TeleHub proposes to provide Message Toll Service, Incoming 800 and Travel Card and Prepaid Card services. A proposed tariff was filed by TeleHub. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On December 23, 1997, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of January 9, 1998, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its regularly scheduled March 10, 1998, meeting, the Commission considered TeleHub's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority as TeleHub had furnished the Commission with a surety bond.

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 TeleHub has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. TeleHub 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 TeleHub's application for a certificate of authority. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that TeleHub's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted. It is

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 18th day of March, 1998.

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>Melanie Kalko</u>
Date: <u>3/18/98</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