

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PRIMUS TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR AN AMENDED CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA))))	ORDER GRANTING AMENDED CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TC96-044
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On August 22, 1997, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission), in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02, received an application for an amended certificate of authority from Primus Telecommunications, Inc. (Primus).

Primus seeks an amendment to its certificate of authority for authorization to provide prepaid debit card services in South Dakota. Primus already possesses a certificate of authority issued August 14, 1996. A proposed tariff was filed by Primus. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On August 28, 1997, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of September 12, 1997, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its regularly scheduled February 24, 1998, meeting, the Commission considered Primus' request for an amended certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting an amended certificate of authority as Primus 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 Primus has met the legal requirements established for the granting of an amended certificate of authority. Primus 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 Primus' application for an amended certificate of authority. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that Primus' application for an amended certificate of authority is hereby granted. It is

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 27th day of February, 1998.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has

been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, JAMES A. BURG, Chairman
as listed on the docket service list, by first class mail, in
properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon. _____

By: _____

PAM NELSON, Commissioner

Date: _____

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LASKA SCHOENFELDER,
Commissioner