

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

<p>IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ATHENA INTERNATIONAL, L.L.C. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA</p>	<p>)))</p>	<p>ORDER GRANTING WITHDRAWAL AND CLOSING DOCKET</p> <p>TC96-189</p>
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On November 27, 1996, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from Athena International, L.L.C. (Athena) for a Certificate of Authority to operate as a telecommunications company within the state of South Dakota. Athena proposed to operate as a reseller of intrastate telecommunications services to the public on a statewide basis including a full range of "1+" interexchange telecommunications services on a resale basis and MTS, out-WATS, in-WATS, Calling Card, Debit Card, and Operator Services. On January 8, 1998, the Commission received notice from Athena that it wished to withdraw its application.

On November 27, 1996, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of December 13, 1996, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its regularly scheduled January 8, 1998, meeting, the Commission considered Athena's request that its application for a Certificate of Authority be withdrawn. Commission staff recommended that the withdrawal be allowed.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49- 1A-2, 49-1A-3, 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02 and 20:10:24:03. Athena's request that its application for a Certificate of Authority be withdrawn shall be granted and this docket shall be closed. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that Athena's request that its application for a Certificate of Authority be withdrawn shall be granted and this docket shall be closed.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 13th day of January, 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, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.

JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

By: _____

PAM NELSON, Commissioner

Date: _____

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LASKA SCHOENFELDER,
Commissioner