

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	ORDER GRANTING
A C S TEL COM INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF)	CERTIFICATE OF
AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE)	AUTHORITY
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN)	
SOUTH DAKOTA)	TC98-001

On January 2, 1998, 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 A C S TEL COM INC. (A C S).

A C S proposes to offer 800 WATS and two types of card service: (1) a post-paid calling card service; and (2) prepaid calling card service. A proposed tariff was filed by A C S. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On January 8, 1998, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of January 23, 1998, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its regularly scheduled September 10, 1998, meeting, the Commission considered A C S' request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority.

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

ORDERED, that A C S' application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted. It is

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 21st day of September, 1998.

<p>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</p> <p>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.</p> <p>By: <u>Melanie Kaelo</u></p> <p>Date: <u>9/21/98</u></p> <p align="center">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

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LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner