

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF NORCOM ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA))))	ORDER GRANTING CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TC98-005
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On January 20, 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 NorCom Advanced Technologies, Inc. (NorCom).

Applicant is a non-switching, facilities-based provider of directly connected telecommunications services. Offerings will include telephone systems, data and voice network cabling, radio communication systems and telecommunication consulting services. Applicant intends to include leasing and sale of microwave and fiber optic transmission services, dark fiber, and point-to-point wired and wireless services on a local and interexchange basis. Applicant intends to provide high quality services that meet industry reliability standards. A proposed tariff was filed by NorCom.

On January 22, 1998, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of February 6, 1998, 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 NorCom's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority as well as granting a waiver of ARSD 20:10:24:02(8).

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

ORDERED, that NorCom's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted, effective March 22, 1998. It is

FURTHER ORDERED, that ARSD 20:10:24:02(8) is hereby waived. It is

FURTHER ORDERED, that NorCom 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, as listed on the docket service list, by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.

By: _____

Date: _____

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

PAM NELSON, Commissioner

LASKA SCHOENFELDER,
Commissioner