

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF )  
INTERNET TELEPHONE COMPANY FOR A )  
CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE )  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN )  
SOUTH DAKOTA )

**ORDER GRANTING  
CERTIFICATE OF  
AUTHORITY**

**TC98-197**

On November 12, 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 Internet Telephone Company (ITC).

ITC seeks authority to resell interexchange telecommunications services to customers throughout the state of South Dakota. A proposed tariff was filed by ITC. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On November 12, 1998, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of November 27, 1998, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its May 12, 1999, meeting, the Commission considered ITC's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that ITC not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission.

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 ITC has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. ITC 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 ITC's application for a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that ITC not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that ITC's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted, subject to the condition that ITC not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. It is

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1999.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>
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>Alaine Kalles</u>
Date: <u>5/18/99</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg  
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson  
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

Laska Schoenfelder  
LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner