

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
TELIGENT, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF)
AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN)
SOUTH DAKOTA)

ORDER GRANTING
CERTIFICATE OF
AUTHORITY

TC98-207

On November 30, 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 Teligent, Inc. (Teligent).

Teligent will offer its services to small-to-medium sized business customers and other carriers. In the future, should a market demand exist, Teligent may also offer residential services. Teligent will be a reseller of long distance services and will not be building, servicing or maintaining any facilities or equipment of its own. A proposed tariff was filed by Teligent. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On December 3, 1998, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of December 18, 1998, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its regularly scheduled March 25, 1999, meeting, the Commission considered Teligent'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 Teligent has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Teligent 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 Teligent's application for a certificate of authority. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that Teligent's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted. It is

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 30th day of March, 1999.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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: *Alaine Kaabo*

Date: 3/31/99

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

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PAM NELSON, Commissioner

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LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner