

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
CSI CORP FOR A CERTIFICATE OF)
AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN)
SOUTH DAKOTA)

ORDER GRANTING
CERTIFICATE OF
AUTHORITY

TC98-059

On February 23, 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 CSI Corp (CSI).

CSI proposes to offer switched and dedicated access "1+" long distance telecommunications services suitable for voice and limited data applications in the state of South Dakota. The applicant does not propose to provide alternative operator services. A proposed tariff was filed by CSI. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On February 26, 1998, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of March 13, 1998, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its regularly scheduled March 26, 1998, meeting, the Commission considered CSI'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 CSI has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. CSI 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 CSI's application for a certificate of authority. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that CSI's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted effective April 23, 1998. It is

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 6th day of April, 1998.

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: <u>Melaine Kalbo</u>
Date: <u>4/8/98</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

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LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner