

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	ORDER GRANTING
PRIMECALL, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF)	CERTIFICATE OF
AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE)	AUTHORITY
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN)	
SOUTH DAKOTA)	TC98-070

On April 16, 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 PRIMECALL, INC. (Primecall).

Primecall seeks authority to offer a full range of "1+" interexchange telecommunications services on a resale basis. Specifically, Primecall seeks authority to provide debit card and calling card services. Primecall does not intend to provide operator services, 900 or 700 services. A proposed tariff was filed by Primecall. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On April 16, 1998, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of May 1, 1998, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its regularly scheduled August 4, 1998, meeting, the Commission considered Primecall's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that Primecall 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 Primecall has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Primecall 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 Primecall's application for a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that Primecall 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 Primecall's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted, subject to the condition that Primecall not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. It is

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 14th day of August, 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>Melanie Kalbs</u>
Date: <u>8/14/98</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