

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

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

ORDER GRANTING
CERTIFICATE OF
AUTHORITY

TC98-131

On July 14, 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 Main Street Telephone Company (Main Street).

Main Street proposes to offer MTS, out-WATS, in-WATS, and calling card services. A proposed tariff was filed by Main Street. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On July 16, 1998, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of July 31, 1998, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its regularly scheduled October 20, 1998, meeting, the Commission considered Main Street's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that Main Street 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 Main Street has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Main Street 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 Main Street's application for a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that Main Street 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 Main Street's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted, subject to the condition that Main Street not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. It is

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 26th day of October, 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 Kelso </u>
Date: <u> 10/27/98 </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