

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	ORDER GRANTING
SIOUX FALLS CABLE TELEVISION FOR A)	INTERVENTION
CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE)	
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN)	TC98-148
SOUTH DAKOTA)	

On August 27, 1998, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application for a Certificate of Authority by Sioux Falls Cable Television (SFCT) for approval to provide intrastate intraexchange telecommunications services in the state of South Dakota. SFCT proposes to initially offer voice messaging and data transmission services and thereafter an increasing variety of telecommunications services on an intraexchange basis only. Initially, services will be provided in Sioux Falls, Crooks, Renner and Mitchell.

On September 3, 1998, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of September 18, 1998, to interested individuals and entities. On September 14, 1998, Baltic Telecom Cooperative (Baltic) filed a Petition to Intervene. On September 16, 1998, the South Dakota Independent Telephone Coalition (SDITC) filed a Petition to Intervene. A Motion for Leave to Intervene was filed by Dakota Telecommunications Group, Inc. (DTG) and its subsidiary Dakota Telecom, Inc. (DTI) on September 16, 1998. At its regularly scheduled September 23, 1998, meeting, the Commission considered Baltic, SDITC, DTG, and DTI's requests for intervention.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-31.

The Commission found that the Petitions to Intervene were timely filed and demonstrated good cause to grant intervention. It is therefore

ORDERED that Baltic, SDITC, DTG and DTI's requests for intervention are hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 8th 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 facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.
By: <u><i>Melvin Kelbo</i></u>
Date: <u>10/9/98</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