

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
NETWORK BILLING SYSTEMS, L.L.C. FOR A)
CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN)
SOUTH DAKOTA)

ORDER GRANTING
CERTIFICATE OF
AUTHORITY

TC98-195

On November 2, 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 Network Billing Systems, L.L.C. (Network Billing).

Network Billing is a non-facilities-based interexchange resale provider proposing to offer outbound, switched access interexchange telecommunications services throughout South Dakota. A proposed tariff was filed by Network Billing. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On November 5, 1998, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of November 20, 1998, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its regularly scheduled December 30, 1998, meeting, the Commission considered Network Billing'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 Network Billing has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Network Billing 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 Network Billing's application for a certificate of authority. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

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

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 6th day of January, 1999.

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| 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 Kelbo</u> |
| Date: <u>1/6/99</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