BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CTC COMMUNICATIONS CORP. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA	)))))	ORDER GRANTING CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TC98-198

On November 13, 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 CTC Communications Corp. (CTC).

CTC proposes to provide telecommunications service in South Dakota by reselling interexchange services offered by other interexchange carriers. Specifically, these will include message telecommunications services, WATS, 800 inbound service, calling card services and directory assistance services. A proposed tariff was filed by CTC. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On November 19, 1998, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of December 4, 1998, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its regularly scheduled February 17, 1999, meeting, the Commission considered CTC's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that CTC 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 CTC has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. CTC 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 CTC's application for a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that CTC 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 CTC's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted, subject to the condition that CTC not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. It is

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 23rd day of February, 1999.

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: Delaine Kolbo

Date: 2/24/99

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg

JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

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PAM NELSON, Commissioner