

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF )  
SATELLINK PAGING, LLC FOR A )  
CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE )  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN )  
SOUTH DAKOTA )**

**ORDER GRANTING  
CERTIFICATE OF  
AUTHORITY**

**TC98-053**

On February 9, 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 Satelink Paging, LLC (Satelink).

Satelink proposes to offer 1+ direct dialing, 800 toll free, travel card and outbound dialing as an adjunct to its paging and voice mail services. A proposed tariff was filed by Satelink. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On February 12, 1998, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of February 27, 1998, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its regularly scheduled March 26, 1998, meeting, the Commission considered Satelink's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that Satelink 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 Satelink has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Satelink 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 Satelink's application for a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that Satelink 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 Satelink's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted effective April 9, 1998, subject to the condition that Satelink not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. It is

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1998.

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| <b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>  |
| 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>    Allaine Kelso    </u>   |
| Date: <u>    4/8/98    </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