BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CABLE & WIRELESS GLOBAL CARD SERVICES, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA	)	ORDER GRANTING CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TC98-066

On March 30, 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 Cable & Wireless Global Card Services, Inc. (C & W).

C & W seeks authority to operate as a reseller of interLATA and intraLATA intrastate telecommunications services. Initially it will offer its services through prepaid telephone or debit cards, postpaid telephone or travel cards. Authority is sought for the full range of 1+ interexchange services including MTS, WATS, calling card, prepaid calling card and toll free service products. A proposed tariff was filed by C & W. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On April 2, 1998, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of April 17, 1998, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its regularly scheduled December 14, 1998, meeting, the Commission considered C & W's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to C & W furnishing the Commission with a corrected surety bond.

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 C & W has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. C & W 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 C & W's application for a certificate of authority. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that C & W's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted, subject to its filing a corrected surety bond with the Commission. It is

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 18th day of December, 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: Melanie Koebo

Date: 12/23/98

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

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PAM NELSON, Commissioner

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