

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF )  
ELIAS VENTURES, INC. D/B/A AMERICAN )  
FREEWAY100 FOR A CERTIFICATE OF )  
AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE )  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN )  
SOUTH DAKOTA )

ORDER GRANTING  
CERTIFICATE OF  
AUTHORITY

TC98-077

On April 27, 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 Elias Ventures, Inc. d/b/a American Freeway100 (AF100).

AF100 proposes to operate as a telecommunications company within the state of South Dakota and proposes to offer direct dialed (1+) service, inbound toll-free number service, travel card and prepaid calling card services. A proposed tariff was filed by AF100. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On April 30, 1998, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of May 15, 1998, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its regularly scheduled August 4, 1998, meeting, the Commission considered AF100'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 AF100 has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. AF100 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 AF100's application for a certificate of authority. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that AF100's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted. It is

FURTHER ORDERED, that AF100 shall file informational copies of tariff changes with the Commission as the changes occur.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 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: *William Kabis*

Date: 8/14/98

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

*James A. Burg*  
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

*Pam Nelson*  
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

*Laska Schoenfelder*  
LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner