

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
OLS, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF)
AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN)
SOUTH DAKOTA)

ORDER GRANTING
CERTIFICATE OF
AUTHORITY

TC98-107

On May 28, 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 OLS, Inc. (OLS).

OLS proposes to provide intrastate telecommunications resale services, including outbound interexchange, 800/888 calling card and directory assistance. OLS does not intend to offer 900, 911, collect or third-party billed calling. OLS proposes to provide these services throughout the state of South Dakota. A proposed tariff was filed by OLS. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On May 28, 1998, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of June 12, 1998, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its regularly scheduled June 30, 1998, meeting, the Commission considered OLS' 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 OLS has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. OLS 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 OLS' application for a certificate of authority. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that OLS' application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted, effective July 28, 1998. It is

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 9th day of July, 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: <u><i>Blaine Kiebo</i></u>
Date: <u>7/10/98</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