

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY DAKOTA)
TELECOM, INC., FOR DESIGNATION AS AN)
ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER)

ORDER GRANTING
INTERVENTION
TC98-111

On June 4, 1998, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Dakota Telecom, Inc. (Dakota) requesting that the Commission designate it as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 214 (e) (1). Dakota seeks this designation for the following South Dakota exchanges: Centerville (552) and Viborg (766). Fort Randall Telephone Company (Fort Randall) is currently designated as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the Centerville and Viborg exchanges.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 1-26, 49-13 and 49-31, specifically 49-31-1(1), 49-31-1.3(2), 49-31-3.1, 49-31-3.4, 49-31-7, 49-31-11, 49-31-12.4 and the Commission's Order in TC92-026.

Petitions to intervene have been received from parties on the respective dates as follows: Fort Randall, June 18, 1998 and the South Dakota Independent Telephone Coalition (SDITC), June 19, 1998.

On July 23, 1998, at a duly noticed meeting, the Commission found that the Petitions to Intervene were timely filed and demonstrated good cause to grant intervention. It is therefore

ORDERED that the Petitions to Intervene of Fort Randall and SDITC are granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 5th 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 facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.	
By:	<u>Delaine Kalbo</u>
Date:	<u>8/6/98</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