

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	ORDER GRANTING
COLORADO RIVER COMMUNICATIONS)	CERTIFICATE OF
CORPORATION D/B/A CRC LONG DISTANCE)	AUTHORITY
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO)	
PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS)	TC98-118
SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA)	

On June 22, 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 Colorado River Communications Corporation d/b/a CRC Long Distance (Colorado River).

Colorado River proposes to offer switched and dedicated access "1 plus" long distance telecommunications services, "0 plus" alternative operator services and prepaid calling card services. A proposed tariff was filed by Colorado River. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On June 25, 1998, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of July 10, 1998, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its regularly scheduled October 15, 1998, meeting, the Commission considered Colorado River's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that Colorado River 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 Colorado River has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Colorado River 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 Colorado River's application for a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that Colorado River 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 Colorado River's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted, subject to the condition that Colorado River not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. It is

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 21st day of October, 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: Delaine Kalbo

Date: 10/23/98

(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