

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

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

ORDER GRANTING
CERTIFICATE OF
AUTHORITY

TC98-190

On October 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 Enhanced Communications Network, Inc. (Enhanced).

Enhanced proposes to offer a full range of 1+ interexchange telecommunications services on a resale basis. Enhanced seeks authority to provide MTS, out-WATS, and prepaid calling card services. A proposed tariff was filed by Enhanced. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On October 29, 1998, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of November 12, 1998, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its regularly scheduled January 26, 1999, meeting, the Commission considered Enhanced's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that Enhanced 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 Enhanced has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Enhanced 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 Enhanced's application for a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that Enhanced 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 Enhanced's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted, subject to the condition that Enhanced not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. It is

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 3rd day of February, 1999.

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>Delaine Kalbo</u>
Date: <u>2/4/99</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