

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

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

ORDER GRANTING  
CERTIFICATE OF  
AUTHORITY

TC98-201

On November 16, 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 FirstWorld Communications, Inc. (FirstWorld).

FirstWorld seeks to provide message toll service on a switched or dedicated basis, inbound toll free service on a switched or dedicated basis, travel card, debit card services and operator services to its customers over resold facilities of other certificated carriers. A proposed tariff was filed by FirstWorld. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On November 19, 1998, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of December 7, 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 FirstWorld'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 FirstWorld has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. FirstWorld 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 FirstWorld's application for a certificate of authority. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

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

FURTHER ORDERED, that FirstWorld 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.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>
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>Delaine Koller</i></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

*Laska Schoenfelder*  
LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner