

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
CENTURYTEL LONG DISTANCE, INC. FOR A)
CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN)
SOUTH DAKOTA)**

**ORDER GRANTING
CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY**

TC99-011

On January 29, 1999, 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 CenturyTel Long Distance, Inc. (CenturyTel).

CenturyTel proposes to offer resold telecommunications services such as outbound presubscribed and casual calling service, toll free inbound service and travel card service. A proposed tariff was filed by CenturyTel. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On February 4, 1999, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of February 19, 1999, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its April 8, 1999, meeting, the Commission considered CenturyTel's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to CenturyTel furnishing the Commission with a surety bond. CenturyTel requested that the amount of the bond be \$5,000.

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 CenturyTel has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. CenturyTel 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 CenturyTel's application for a certificate of authority, subject to CenturyTel furnishing the Commission with a \$25,000 surety bond. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that CenturyTel's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted, subject to CenturyTel furnishing the Commission with a \$25,000 surety bond. It is

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 14th day of April, 1999.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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: _____

Date: _____

JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

PAM NELSON, Commissioner

LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner

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