Telecommunications Orders - Issued 1999

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF BLACKSTONE COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA	**)** **)** **)** **)** **)** **)**	**ORDER GRANTING CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY** **TC99-035**

On April 7, 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 Blackstone Communications Company (Blackstone).

Blackstone proposes to offer 1+ and 101XXXX direct outbound dialing, 800/888 toll- free inbound dialing, travel card and prepaid calling card service. A proposed tariff was filed by Blackstone. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On April 8, 1999, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of April 23, 1999, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and a June 8, 1999, meeting, the Commission considered Blackstone's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority as Blackstone had furnished the Commission with a surety bond. Commission Staff further recommended a waiver of ARSD 20:10:24:02(8).

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 Blackstone has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Blackstone has, in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3, demonstrated sufficient technical, financial and managerial capabilities to offer telecommunications services in South Dakota. Further, the Commission finds that there is good cause to waive ARSD 20:10:24:02(8). The Commission approves Blackstone's application for a certificate of authority. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

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

FURTHER ORDERED, that the Commission finds good cause to waive ARSD 20:10:24:02(8). It is

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 22nd day of June, 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.

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(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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PAM NELSON, Commissioner

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LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner

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