BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF TRANSNET CONNECT, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA	**)))))**	**ORDER GRANTING CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TC99-085**

On July 27, 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 TransNet Connect, Inc. (TransNet Connect).

TransNet Connect is a reseller which proposes to offer 1+ and 101XXXX direct outbound dialing, 800/888 toll free inbound dialing, and travel card service. A proposed tariff was filed by TransNet Connect. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On July 29, 1999, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of August 13, 1999, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its August 17, 1999, meeting, the Commission considered TransNet Connect's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that TransNet Connect not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. 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 TransNet Connect has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. TransNet Connect 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 TransNet Connect's application for a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that TransNet Connect 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 TransNet Connect's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted, effective September 27, 1999, subject to the condition that TransNet Connect not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. It is

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

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 26th day of August, 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 ORDER OF THE COMMISSION: _____ JAMES A. BURG, Chairman _____ PAM NELSON, Commissioner _____

By:_____ Date:_____ (OFFICIAL SEAL)	LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner