

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
UNITED STATES ADVANCED NETWORK, INC.)
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO)
PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS)
SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA)**

**ORDER GRANTING
CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY**

TC99-020

On March 5, 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 United States Advanced Network, Inc. (Advanced Network).

Advanced Network seeks authority to provide prepaid card intrastate long distance service in conjunction with its interstate service offerings to residential and business customers. Advanced Network will resell services of authorized carriers. A proposed tariff was filed by Advanced Network. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On March 11, 1999, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of March 26, 1999, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its April 8, 1999, meeting, the Commission considered Advanced Network'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 Advanced Network has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Advanced Network 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 Advanced Network's application for a certificate of authority. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that Advanced Network's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted, effective May 5, 1999. It is

FURTHER ORDERED, that Advanced Network 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

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: _____

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

PAM NELSON, Commissioner

LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner