

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

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

ORDER GRANTING  
CERTIFICATE OF  
AUTHORITY

TC99-087

On August 20, 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 TON Services, Inc. (TON).

TON seeks authority to provide prepaid card services to business and residential customers. A proposed tariff was filed by TON. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On August 26, 1999, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of September 10, 1999, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its November 15, 1999, meeting, the Commission considered TON's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to TON furnishing the Commission with a corrected surety bond.

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

ORDERED, that TON's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted, subject to TON furnishing the Commission with a corrected surety bond. It is

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1999.

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| <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>Debbie Kalbo</i></u>   |
| Date: <u>11/22/99</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