

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
AS TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. D/B/A)
ALLSTAR TELECOM FOR A CERTIFICATE OF)
AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN)
SOUTH DAKOTA)

ORDER GRANTING
CERTIFICATE OF
AUTHORITY

TC99-088

On August 25, 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 AS Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a ALLSTAR Telecom (ALLSTAR).

ALLSTAR proposes to provide 24-hour intrastate interexchange telecommunications services over the facilities of other carriers. These services will include toll free service, private line service, travel card service, and 1+ telecommunication services. A proposed tariff was filed by ALLSTAR. 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 January 6, 2000, meeting, the Commission considered ALLSTAR's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that ALLSTAR not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31, specifically 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02 and 20:10:24:03. The Commission finds that ALLSTAR has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. ALLSTAR 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 ALLSTAR's application for a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that ALLSTAR 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 ALLSTAR's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted, subject to the condition that ALLSTAR not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. It is

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 12th day of January, 2000.

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: *Maureen Kelso*

Date: 1/13/00

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

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PAM NELSON, Commissioner

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LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner