

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

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

ORDER GRANTING  
CERTIFICATE OF  
AUTHORITY  
  
TC00-019

On February 24, 2000, 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 TotalAccess.com, Inc. (TXCI).

TXCI proposes to offer resold interexchange telecommunications services. A proposed tariff was filed by TXCI. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On March 2, 2000, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of March 17, 2000, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its August 22, 2000, meeting, the Commission considered TXCI's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that TXCI 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 TXCI has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. TXCI 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 TXCI's application for a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that TXCI 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 TXCI's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted, subject to the condition that TXCI not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. It is

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2000.

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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>Delvin Kalbo</i></u>  |
| Date: <u>8/29/00</u>  |
| (OFFICIAL SEAL)   |

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

*James A. Burg*  
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman  
*Laska Schoenfelder*  
LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner