

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ) ESSENTIAL.COM, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE ) OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE ) TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, ) INCLUDING LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICES, IN ) SOUTH DAKOTA )	ORDER PERMITTING WITHDRAWAL OF APPLICATION AND CLOSING DOCKET  TC00-064
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On April 5, 2000, essential.com, inc. (essential) filed an application with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for a certificate of authority to operate as a telecommunications company within the state of South Dakota.

On September 1, 2000, essential requested that its application for a certificate of authority be withdrawn.

At its regularly scheduled September 13, 2000, meeting, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-31-3 and ARSD Chapter 20:10:24. The Commission found that essential's request to withdraw its request for a certificate of authority is reasonable and closed the docket. It is therefore

ORDERED, that essential shall be permitted to withdraw its request for a certificate of authority, and it is further

ORDERED, that this docket is closed.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 19th day of September, 2000.

<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 facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.
By: <u><i>Alaine Kalbo</i></u>
Date: <u>9/20/00</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