as an eligible telecommunications carrier. In addition, the granting of statewide certification will not affect the exemptions, suspensions, and modifications for rural telephone companies found in 47 U.S.C. § 251(f). It is therefore

ORDERED, that Telergy's application for a certificate of authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services and local exchange services is granted, subject to a continuous \$25,000 surety bond; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that Telergy shall file informational copies of tariff changes with the Commission as the changes occur; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the Commission shall authorize Telergy to offer its local exchange services in South Dakota, except in those areas served by a rural telephone company; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the Commission finds good cause to waive subparagraph (8) of ARSD 20:10:24:02 and subparagraphs (11), (12)(c) and (13) of ARSD 20:10:32:03.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 7th day of December, 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 facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

AMES A. BURG, Chairman

PAM NELSON, Commissioner

LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner