

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
ALLIED COMMUNICATIONS GROUP D/B/A)
ACG FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY)
TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS)
SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA)

ORDER DENYING
CERTIFICATE OF
AUTHORITY

TC99-096

On September 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 Allied Communications, Inc. d/b/a ACG (ACG).

ACG proposed to become a reseller of interexchange telecommunications services. A proposed tariff was filed by ACG. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On September 2, 1999, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of October 4, 1999, to interested individuals and entities. Commission Staff requested additional information from ACG on numerous occasions. ACG never provided the requested information to Staff.

No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its regularly scheduled August 22, 2000, meeting, the Commission considered ACG's request for a certificate of authority. Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:24:03, Commission Staff recommended denial of the application for a certificate of authority due to insufficient financial, technical, and managerial information.

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 ACG has not met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. ACG has not, in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3, demonstrated sufficient financial, technical, and managerial capabilities to offer telecommunications services in South Dakota. The Commission denies ACG's application for a certificate of authority. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that ACG's application for a certificate of authority is hereby denied.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 25th day of August, 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.

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner