

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	ORDER GRANTING
ACN COMMUNICATION SERVICES, INC. FOR)	CERTIFICATE OF
A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE)	AUTHORITY
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN)	
SOUTH DAKOTA)	TC00-003

On January 25, 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 ACN Communication Services, Inc. (ACN).

ACN proposes offering interLATA and intraLATA toll resale services including direct dialed outbound, inbound toll free, calling card and directory assistance to residential and business customers. A proposed tariff was filed by ACN. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On January 27, 2000, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of February 11, 2000, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its February 29, 2000, meeting, the Commission considered ACN's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that ACN 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 ACN has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. ACN 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 ACN's application for a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that ACN 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 ACN's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted, effective March 25, 2000, subject to the condition that ACN not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. It is

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 6th day of March, 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: *Debra Kalbs*

Date: *3/8/00*

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

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LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner