

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

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

ORDER GRANTING  
CERTIFICATE OF  
AUTHORITY  
  
TC00-082

On May 16, 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 LD Exchange.com, Inc. (LD Exchange).

LD Exchange proposes to offer 1+ and 101XXXX direct outbound dialing, 800/888 toll-free inbound dialing, travel card service and prepaid calling card service. A proposed tariff was filed by LD Exchange. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On May 18, 2000, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of June 2, 2000, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its July 13, 2000, meeting, the Commission considered LD Exchange's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to a continuous \$25,000 surety bond. Commission Staff further recommended a waiver ARSD 20:10:24:02(8).

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 LD Exchange has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. LD Exchange has, in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3, demonstrated sufficient technical, financial and managerial capabilities to offer telecommunications services in South Dakota. Further, the Commission finds that there is good cause to waive ARSD 20:10:24:02(8). The Commission approves LD Exchange's application for a certificate of authority, subject to a continuous \$25,000 surety bond. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that LD Exchange's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted effective July 16, 2000, subject to a continuous \$25,000 surety bond. It is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the Commission finds good cause to waive ARSD 20:10:24:02(8). It is

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 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: *Delaine Kells*

Date: 7/21/00

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

*James A. Burg*  
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

*Pam Nelson*  
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

*Laska Schoenfelder*  
LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner