

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	ORDER GRANTING
LONG DISTANCE BILLING SERVICES, INC.)	CERTIFICATE OF
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO)	AUTHORITY
PROVIDE INTEREXCHANGE)	
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN)	TC01-010
SOUTH DAKOTA)	

On January 31, 2001, 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 Long Distance Billing Services, Inc. (LDBS).

LDBS proposes to offer 1+ and 101XXXX outbound dialing, 800/888 toll-free inbound dialing, directory assistance, data services and travel card service. A proposed tariff was filed by LDBS. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On February 1, 2001, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of February 16, 2001, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its March 6, 2001, meeting, the Commission considered LDBS' request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that LDBS not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. Commission Staff further recommended a waiver of 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 LDBS has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. LDBS 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 LDBS' application for a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that LDBS 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 LDBS' application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted, effective April 1, 2001, subject to the condition that LDBS not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. It is

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

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 9th day of March, 2001.

<p style="text-align: center;">CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</p> <p>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.</p> <p>By: <u><i>Delaine Kelbo</i></u></p> <p>Date: <u><i>3/13/01</i></u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner