

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING FOR) APPROVAL OF A RECIPROCAL TRANSPORT) AND TERMINATION AGREEMENT AND TYPE) 2 WIRELESS AGREEMENT BETWEEN) BROOKINGS MUNICIPAL UTILITIES D.B.A) SWIFTEL COMMUNICATIONS AND) BERESFORD MUNICIPAL TELEPHONE) COMPANY)	ORDER APPROVING AGREEMENT TC01-146
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On September 10, 2001, the South Dakota Independent Telephone Coalition on behalf of Brookings Municipal Utilities d.b.a Swiftel Communications (Swiftel) and Beresford Municipal Telephone Company (Beresford) filed for approval by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) a reciprocal transport and termination agreement between Swiftel and Beresford.

On September 13, 2001, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of this filing to interested individuals and entities. The notice stated that any person wishing to comment on the parties' request for approval had until October 1, 2001, to do so. No comments were filed.

At its duly noticed October 10, 2001, meeting, the Commission considered whether to approve the agreement between Swiftel and Beresford. Commission Staff recommended approval.

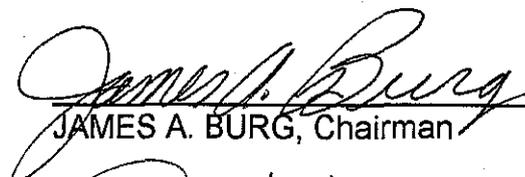
The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31, and the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. In accordance with 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2), the Commission found that the agreement does not discriminate against a telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the agreement and the agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the agreement with an effective date as of the date of this Order. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission approves the agreement.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 18th day of October, 2001.

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.
By: <u><i>Delaine Kalba</i></u>
Date: <u>10/19/01</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

 _____ JAMES A. BURG, Chairman
 _____ PAM NELSON, Commissioner