

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
WHOLESALE CARRIER SERVICES, INC. FOR)
A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE)
INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS)
SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA)**

**ORDER GRANTING
CERTIFICATE OF
AUTHORITY**

TC02-059

On June 13, 2002, 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 Wholesale Carrier Services, Inc. (Wholesale).

Wholesale proposes to provide interexchange telecommunications services throughout South Dakota. A proposed tariff was filed by Wholesale. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On June 20, 2002, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of July 5, 2002, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its July 23, 2002, meeting, the Commission considered Wholesale's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority. 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 Wholesale has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Wholesale 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 Wholesale's application for a certificate of authority. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that Wholesale's application for a certificate of authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services is hereby granted, effective August 12, 2002. It is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the Commission waives ARSD 20:10:24:02(8). It is

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 7th day of August, 2002.

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: Alaine Kaabo

Date: 8/8/02

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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