

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	ORDER GRANTING
BUSINESS NETWORK LONG DISTANCE, INC.)	CERTIFICATE OF
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO)	AUTHORITY
PROVIDE INTEREXCHANGE)	
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN)	TC03-034
SOUTH DAKOTA)	

On January 15, 2003, 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 Business Network Long Distance, Inc. (Business Network).

Business Network proposes to provide interexchange services, including 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 Business Network. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On January 16, 2003, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of January 31, 2003, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its February 20, 2003, meeting, the Commission considered Business Network's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that Business Network not offer a prepaid calling card or require or accept 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 Business Network has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Business Network 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 Business Network's application for a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that Business Network not offer a prepaid calling card or require or accept deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that Business Network's application for a certificate of authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services is hereby granted, effective March 17, 2003, subject to the condition that Business Network not offer a prepaid calling card or require or accept deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. It is

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

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 7th day of March, 2003.

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:	<u>Malvina Kalbo</u>
Date:	<u>3/11/03</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Robert K. Sahr

ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner

James A. Burg

JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner