

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
QWEST LD CORP. D/B/A QWEST LONG
DISTANCE FOR A CERTIFICATE OF
AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE INTEREXCHANGE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN
SOUTH DAKOTA**

**ORDER GRANTING
CERTIFICATE OF
AUTHORITY**

TC03-041

On January 27, 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 Qwest LD Corp. d/b/a Qwest Long Distance (Qwest LD).

Qwest LD proposes to be a resale interexchange carrier that will provide intrastate voice and data long distance telecommunications services, operator services, directory assistance and 800 services throughout South Dakota. Qwest LD proposes offering these services in the state of South Dakota after it receives approval from the Federal Communications Commission of its Section 271 Application. A proposed tariff was filed by Qwest LD. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On January 30, 2003, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of February 14, 2003, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its April 1, 2003, meeting, the Commission considered Qwest LD's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to a continuous \$25,000 surety bond.

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 Qwest LD has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Qwest LD has, in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3, demonstrated sufficient technical, financial and managerial capabilities to offer telecommunications services in South Dakota. The Commission approves Qwest LD'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 Qwest LD's application for a certificate of authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services is hereby granted, subject to a continuous \$25,000 surety bond. It is

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 8th day of April, 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: Dellaine Kolbo

Date: 4/9/03

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

 Robert K. Sahr

ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

 Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner