

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

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

**ORDER GRANTING
CERTIFICATE OF
AUTHORITY**

TC04-099

On June 3, 2004, 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 Public Communications Services, Inc. (PCS).

PCS intends to offer services to inmates of prisons, jails and other confinement institutions on a collect, prepaid and debit basis. A proposed tariff was filed by PCS. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On June 10, 2004, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of June 25, 2004, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its July 6, 2004, meeting, the Commission considered PCS' request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority with an effective date of August 3, 2004, 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 PCS has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. PCS 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 PCS' 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 PCS' application for a certificate of authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services is hereby granted, effective August 3, 2004, subject to a continuous \$25,000 surety bond. It is

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 15th day of July, 2004.

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: _____
Date: _____
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

GARY HANSON, Commissioner