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Mr. William Bullard, Jr.  
Executive Director  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
500 East Capitol  
Pierre, SD 57501

**Re: Registration of United States Advanced Network, Inc. for Authority to Provide Intrastate Telecommunications Services within the State of South Dakota**

Dear Mr. Bullard:

Enclosed for filing are the original and ten (10) copies of a Registration for Authority to Provide Intrastate Telecommunications Services, filed on behalf of United States Advanced Network, Inc. Also enclosed is a check for the filing fee of \$250.00.

Please return, date-stamped, the extra copy of this cover letter in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope provided for this purpose.

Any questions you may have regarding the above filing should be directed to me at (407) 740-8575.

Sincerely,

Louise Beale  
Consultant for  
United States Advanced Network, Inc.

cc: Michael E. Murphy, United States Advanced Network, Inc.  
File: United States Advanced Network, Inc. - SDO  
TMS: SDO9900

**SOUTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Registration of )  
 United States Advanced Network, Inc. )  
 for Authority to Provide Intrastate )  
 Telecommunications Services )  
 within South Dakota )

Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_

Pursuant to Rule 20:10:24:02 of the Commission's Telecommunications Services Rules, United States Advanced Network, Inc. ("USAN" or "Applicant") submits the following registration information:

**1. The name, address and telephone number of the applicant.**

United States Advanced Network, Inc.  
 3000 Northwoods Parkway, Suite 140  
 Norcross, Georgia 30071  
 Telephone: (770) 729-1449  
 Facsimile: (770) 729-8589  
 Toll Free: (800) 277-0504

**2. The name under which the Applicant will provide these services if different than in subdivision (1) of this section;**

Not Applicable

**3. If the applicant is a corporation:**

- (a) **The state in which it is incorporated, the date of incorporation and a copy of its certificate of incorporation or, if it is an out-of-state corporation, a copy of its certificate of authority.**

Applicant is a corporation organized under the laws of the state of Georgia on October 28, 1999. A copy of the Applicant's certificate of authority to operate in South Dakota is provided in Attachment I.

- (b) The location of its principal office, if any, in this state and the name and address of its current registered agent.

Principal office in South Dakota: None

Registered Agent: Corporation Service Company  
503 South Pierre Street  
Pierre, South Dakota 57751

- (c) The names and addresses of any corporation, association, partnership, cooperative, or individual holding a 20 percent or greater ownership or management interest in the applicant corporation and the amount and character of the ownership or management interest;

**Principal stockholders.**

	Shares Owned	Voting Percent
Charles T. Richardson President	39,656	39.656%
George F. Johnson, Jr. Board Member	39,656	39.656%
William D. Johnson Board Member	20,688	20.688%

- (d) The names and addresses of subsidiaries owned or controlled by the applicant:

None

4. If the applicant is a partnership, the name, title and business address of each partner, both general and limited.

Not Applicable

5. A specific description of the telecommunications services the applicant intends to offer.

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED SERVICES**

United States Advanced Network, Inc. seeks authority to provide prepaid card intrastate long distance service in conjunction with its interstate service offerings to residential and business customers.

Customers establish an account with the Company consisting of an account code and an associated initial balance of available usage on the Company's network. Most often, account establishment is done by purchase of a prepaid card through a retail outlet or other distribution channel. In addition to an account code and dialing instructions, each card contains a toll free number for United States Advanced Network's customer service department.

Customers can use United States Advanced Network's prepaid service by dialing the Company's toll free access number and entering their account code. The customer is informed of the available balance remaining in the account each time the Customer uses the service. Customers can place calls to any destination telephone number(s) and use the service until the available balance in the account is fully depleted.

Depletion or "debiting" occurs on a real time basis as each call takes place. United States Advanced Network, Inc. times the duration of each customer call and deducts the tariffed per minute rate for each minute connected from the available balance. The available balance is maintained until the Customer's usage deletes the balance to zero.

Unlike traditional business or residential long distance services, United States Advanced Network, Inc.'s prepaid service is not associated with any Customer provided access line, telephone number, or physical billing address. Customers do not need to be presubscribed to United States Advanced Network, Inc. as their long distance carrier to use the service.

United States Advanced Network, Inc. will follow all appropriate South Dakota Public Utilities Commission rules for any telecommunication service that the Company offers which requires United States Advanced Network, Inc. to receive authorization to change the Customer's primary carrier.

USAN' services are described more fully in its proposed tariff provided as Attachment.

IV.



6. **A detailed statement of the means by which the applicant will provide its services, including the type and quantity of equipment to be used in the operation, the capacity, and the expected use of the equipment.**

USAN intends to initially resell the services of authorized carriers, therefore will not own or operate any equipment.

7. **The geographic areas in which the services are, or will be, offered, including a map describing the service boundaries.**

USAN intends to offer service throughout the state of South Dakota.

8. **A current balance sheet and income statement; a copy of the applicant's latest annual report; a copy of the applicant's report to stockholders; and a copy of the applicant's tariff with the terms and conditions of service.**

Attached hereto is the financial information of USAN. An officer of the Company attests to the accurate depiction of the company's financial position. These attachments demonstrate USAN's financial qualifications to provide the requested services. United States Advanced Network, Inc. possesses the financial resources necessary to provide interexchange services in South Dakota.

9. **The names and addresses of the applicant's representatives to whom all inquiries should be made regarding complaints and regulatory matters and a description of how the applicant handles customer billings and customer service matters.**

For inquiries regarding this application and tariff, contact:

Louise Beale  
Consultant to United States Advanced Network, Inc.  
Technologies Management, Inc.  
P.O. Box 200  
Winter Park, Florida 32790-0200  
Telephone: (407) 740-8575  
Facsimile: (407) 740-0613

For all other matters, contact:

Regulatory Contact: Michael E. Murphy.  
Telephone: (770) 729-1449  
Facsimile: (770) 729-8589  
Toll Free: (800) 277-0504

Please identify any predecessor(s) of the Applicant and provide other names under which the Applicant has operated within the preceding five (5) years, including name, address, and telephone number.

Not Applicable

2. **CONTACT PERSON:** The name, title address, telephone number, and FAX number of the person to whom questions about this Application should be addressed are:

Louise Beale  
Consultant to United States Advanced Network, Inc.  
210 North Park Avenue  
Winter Park, FL 32789  
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10. A list of the states in which the applicant is registered or certified to do business and if the applicant has ever been denied registration or certification in any state and the reasons for the denial.

The following is a list of states where USAN is authorized to provide telecommunications services or has an application for certification or registration pending:

STATE	APPROVAL DATE
Rhode Island	1/25/99
New York	1/5/99
Domestically with the FCC	12/2/98

No certification or registration is required in Utah, Iowa, the District of Columbia or Virginia.

USAN is currently undergoing a nationwide certification process. USAN has not been denied certification from any state utility commission nor has its certificate been revoked in any state.



- 11. A detailed description of how the applicant intends to market its services, the qualifications of its marketing sales personnel, its target market, whether the applicant engages in any multilevel marketing and copies of any company brochures used to assist in the sale of services.**

The Company's initial plan is to market its services to Customers through retail outlets. Marketing materials are provided as Attachment V.

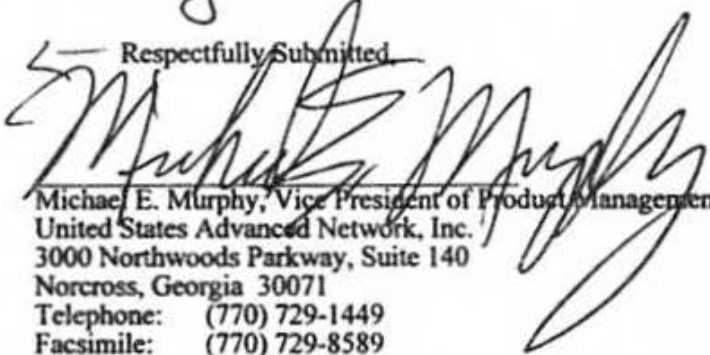
- 12. Cost support for rates shown in the company's tariff for all noncompetitive or emerging competitive services.**

Cost support information is provided in Attachment VI.

As evidenced by the foregoing application, United States Advanced Network, Inc. is fully qualified to offer and provide long distance service within the State of South Dakota. Therefore, USAN respectfully requests that the Commission grant this application at its earliest convenience.

Dated this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February 1999.

Respectfully Submitted



Michael E. Murphy, Vice President of Product Management  
United States Advanced Network, Inc.  
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Norcross, Georgia 30071  
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**ATTACHMENT I**

**United States Advanced Network, Inc.**

**Authority to Operate in South Dakota**

# State of South Dakota



## OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

### CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

I, JOYCE HAZELTINE, Secretary of State of the State of South Dakota, hereby certify that the Application for a Certificate of Authority of UNITED STATES ADVANCED NETWORK, INC. (GA) to transact business in this state duly signed and verified pursuant to the provisions of the South Dakota Corporation Acts, have been received in this office and are found to conform to law.

ACCORDINGLY and by virtue of the authority vested in me by law, I hereby issue this Certificate of Authority and attach hereto a duplicate of the application to transact business in this state.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, at Pierre, the Capital, this February 22, 1993.

*Joyce Hazeltine*  
JOYCE HAZELTINE  
Secretary of State

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SD. SEC. OF STATE

State Capitol  
500 E. Capitol Ave.  
Pierre SD 57501  
Phone 605-773-8929  
Fax 605-773-8929

**Application for Certificate of Authority**

Pursuant to the provisions of SDCOA § 2-271, the undersigned corporation hereby applies for a Certificate of Authority to transact business in the State of South Dakota and for that purpose submits the following statement:

(1) The name of the corporation is UNITED STATES ADVANCED NETWORK, INC.  
(include complete name)

(2) If the name of the corporation does not contain the word "corporation", "company", "incorporated" or "limited" or does not contain an abbreviation of one of such words, then the name of the corporation with the word or abbreviation which it elects to add thereto for use in this state is \_\_\_\_\_

(3) State where incorporated Georgia Federal Taxpayer ID# 581817028

(4) The date of its incorporation is October 28, 1988 and the period of its duration, which may be perpetual, is Perpetual

(5) The address of its principal office in the state or country under the laws of which it is incorporated is Suite 140, 3000 NORTHWOODS PARKWAY, NORCROSS, GA Zip Code 30071  
mailing address if different from above is: Suite 140, 3000 NORTHWOODS PARKWAY NORCROSS, GA Zip Code 30071

(6) The street address, or a statement that there is no street address, of its proposed registered office in the State of South Dakota is 303 South Pierre Street, Pierre, South Dakota Zip Code 57501  
and the name of its proposed registered agent in the State of South Dakota at that address is CORPORATION SERVICE COMPANY

(7) The purposes which it proposes to pursue in the transaction of business in the State of South Dakota are: (state specific purposes)  
TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT and communication

(8) The names and respective addresses of its directors and officers are:

Name	Officer Title	Street Address	City	State	Zip
See attached officers/directors rider					

(9) The aggregate number of shares which it has authority to issue, itemized by classes, par value of shares, shares without par value, and series, if any, within a class is:

Number of shares	Class	Series	Par value per share or statement that shares are without par value
100,000	Common		\$1.00



Number of shares	Class	Series	Par value per share or statement that shares are without par value
5,000	Common		\$1.00

(11) The amount of its stated capital is \$ 55,000  
 Shares issued times par value equals stated capital. In the case of no par value stock, stated capital is the consideration received for the issued shares.

(12) This application is accompanied by a CERTIFICATE OF FACT or a CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING duly acknowledged by the Secretary of State or other officer having custody of corporate records in the state or country under whose laws it is incorporated.


(13) This such corporation shall not directly or indirectly combine or make any contract with any incorporated company, foreign or domestic, through their stockholders or the trustees or assigns of such stockholder, or with any partnership or association of persons, or in any manner whatever to fix the price, limit the production or regulate the transportation of any product or commodity so as to prevent competition in such prices, production or transportation or to establish exclusive prices therefor.

(14) That such corporation, as a consideration of its being permitted to begin or continue doing business within the State of South Dakota, will comply with all the laws of the said State with regard to foreign corporations.

The application must be signed, in the presence of a notary public, by the chairman of the board of directors, or by the president or by another officer.

I DECLARE AND AFFIRM UNDER THE PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THIS APPLICATION IS IN ALL TRUTH, TRUE AND CORRECT

Dated January 13, 1999

  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Name) secretary

STATE OF Georgia  
 COUNTY OF Spalding  
 I, George F. Johnson, a single male, do hereby certify that on the 13th day of January, 1999 personally appeared before me George F. Johnson, SR. who being by me first duly sworn, declared that he/she is the SECRETARY of UNITED STATES ADVANCED NETWORK, INC. that he/she signed the foregoing document as officer of the corporation, and the statements therein contained are true.

By Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_  
 Myself Public, Georgan County, Georgia  
 My Commission Expires May 20, 2001

  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Name) Public

Notarial Seal

The Content of Affidavits hereon must be signed by the registered agent listed in number six.

I, Corporation Service Company

(name of registered agent)

agent for UNITED STATES ADVANCED NETWORK, INC.

(company name)

hereby give my consent to serve as the registered

Corporation Service Company

*[Signature]*

(signature of registered agent)

The proper filing fee must accompany the application. Make check payable to the Secretary of State.

KAREN B. ROZAL  
Karen B. Rater, Asst. Sec.  
Corporation Service Company

FEE SCHEDULE

Authorized capital stock of	25,000 or less	\$ 90
Over \$25,000 and not exceeding 100,000	110	110
Over \$100,000 and not exceeding 500,000	130	130
Over \$500,000 and not exceeding 1,000,000	150	150
Over \$1,000,000 and not exceeding 1,500,000	200	200
Over \$1,500,000 and not exceeding 2,000,000	250	250
Over \$2,000,000 and not exceeding 2,500,000	300	300
Over \$2,500,000 and not exceeding 3,000,000	350	350
Over \$3,000,000 and not exceeding 3,500,000	400	400
Over \$3,500,000 and not exceeding 4,000,000	450	450
Over \$4,000,000 and not exceeding 4,500,000	500	500
Over \$4,500,000 and not exceeding 5,000,000	550	550

For each additional \$500,000, \$40 in addition to \$350.

For purposes only of computing fees under this section, the dollar value of each authorized share having a par value shall be equal to par value and the value of each authorized share having no par value shall be equal to one hundred dollars per share. The maximum amount charged under this subdivision may not exceed fifteen thousand dollars.

FILING INSTRUCTIONS:

The application must be signed, in the presence of a notary public, by the chairman of the board of directors, or its president, or any other officer. One original and one photocopy of the application must be submitted.

The application must be accompanied by an original, currently dated, CERTIFICATE OF FACT or a CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING from the Secretary of State in the state where it incorporated. A photocopy of a certificate is not acceptable. It should be dated within sixty (60) days of submitting it to our office.

South Dakota law requires every corporation to continuously maintain a resident or this state as the registered agent (number on the application). The registered agent's address is considered the registered office address of the corporation in South Dakota. A complete street address must be listed for service of process.

The Consent of Registered Agent person must be signed by the South Dakota registered agent.

Mail the application, certificate, and filing fee to the Secretary of State, Corporate Division, 500 E. Capitol Avenue, Pierre, SD 57501-5070. The duplicate and a Certificate of Authority will be returned for your records.

### OFFICERS/DIRECTORS RIDER

Application for Certificate of Authority

UNITED STATES ADVANCED NETWORK, INC.

#### List of Officers

Name: CHARLES T. RICHARDSON Title: PRESIDENT  
Bus. Addr.: STE 140, 3000 NORTHWOODS PWY., NORCROSS, GA 30071

Name: GEORGE F. JOHNSON, SR. Title: SECRETARY  
Bus. Addr.: STE 140, 3000 NORTHWOODS PWY., NORCROSS, GA 30071

#### List of Directors

Name: CHARLES T. RICHARDSON Term:  
Bus. Addr.: STE 140, 3000 NORTHWOODS PWY., NORCROSS, GA 30071

Name: GEORGE F. JOHNSON, SR. Term:  
Bus. Addr.: STE 140, 3000 NORTHWOODS PWY., NORCROSS, GA 30071

Name: GEORGE F. JOHNSON, JR. Term:  
Bus. Addr.: STE 140, 3000 NORTHWOODS PWY., NORCROSS, GA 30071

Name: WILLIAM B. JOHNSON Term:  
Bus. Addr.: STE 140, 3000 NORTHWOODS PWY., NORCROSS, GA 30071

**ATTACHMENT II**

**United States Advanced Network, Inc.**

**Articles of Incorporation**

**Secretary of State**  
**Corporations Division**  
**315 West Tower**  
**#2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr.**  
**Atlanta, Georgia 30334-1530**

DOCKET NUMBER : 982360905  
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SECRETARY OF THE STATE  
CONNECTICUT SECRETARY OF THE STATE

LONG ALDRIDGE & NORMAN LLP  
ATTN: CAROLYN BOMMARITO  
285 PEACHTREE CENTER AVE NE #2200  
ATLANTA, GA 30303

**CERTIFICATE OF EXISTENCE**

I, Lewis A. Massey, the Secretary of State of the State of Georgia, do hereby certify under the seal of my office that

**UNITED STATES ADVANCED NETWORK, INC.**  
**A DOMESTIC PROFIT CORPORATION**

was formed in the jurisdiction stated above or was authorized to transact business in Georgia on the above date. Said entity is in compliance with the applicable filing and annual registration provisions of Title 14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated and has not filed articles of dissolution, certificate of cancellation or any other similar document with the Office of the Secretary of State.

This certificate relates only to the legal existence of the above-named entity as of the date issued. It does not certify whether or not a notice of intent to dissolve, an application for withdrawal, a statement of commencement of winding up or any other similar document has been filed or is pending with the Secretary of State.

This certificate is issued pursuant to Title 14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated and is prima-facie evidence that said entity is in existence or is authorized to transact business in this state.



*Lewis A. Massey*

Lewis A. Massey  
Secretary of State



**ATTACHMENT III**

**United States Advanced Network, Inc.**

**Financial Information**

**United States Advanced Network, Inc.**  
**Statement of Financial Capability**

The purpose of this document is to highlight the financial strengths of the Company and serve as the Company's Statement of Financial Capability.

United States Advanced Network, Inc. ("USAN") has sufficient financial capability to provide the requested telecommunication services within the state, the financial capability to maintain these services, and the financial capability to meet its lease and ownership obligations.

USAN is a closely held Subchapter S Corporation that has been in business for 10 years and has been profitable each of those 10 years. USAN has been operating in a non-telecommunications industry during that timeframe.

Some of USAN's financial highlights are:

- Current assets to current liabilities ratio of 1.77% and 1.26% as of 12/31/97 and 12/31/96, respectively.
- Positive Retained Earnings balance of \$14.4 million and \$11.7 million as of 12/31/97 and 12/31/96, respectively.
- Positive cash generated from operating activities of \$20.3 million and \$15.0 million in 1997 and 1996, respectively.
- Debt to equity ratio of 9.5% as of 12/31/97.
- Access to additional debt and equity financing if needed.

The Company has established a strong team to support its venture into the telecommunications market. The Company has and will outsource business functions to obtain expertise and provide a financial and technical competitive advantage in the industry.

Summary

As noted in the analysis documented above, the Company has prepared prudently for its venture into the telecommunications market. The Company has ample financial capability to provide the requested telecommunication services and to meet all lease and ownership obligations.

United States Advanced Network, Inc.  
Statement of Financial Capability

VERIFICATION

State of GEORGIA: ss:

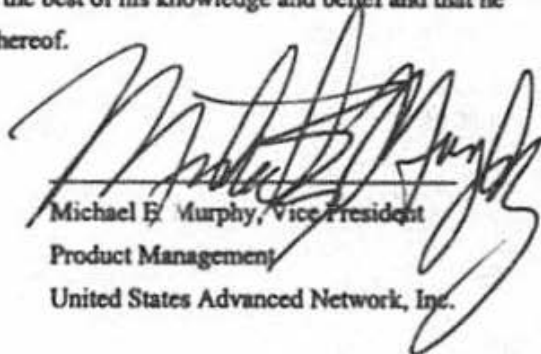
County of GWINNETT ss:

Michael E. Murphy, Affiant, being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that:

he is the President of United States Advanced Network, Inc.;

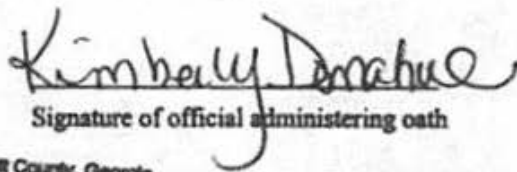
That he is authorized to and does make this affidavit for said corporation;

That the facts above set forth are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief and that he expects to be able to prove the same at any hearing hereof.



Michael E. Murphy, Vice President  
Product Management  
United States Advanced Network, Inc.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1999.



Signature of official administering oath

**ATTACHMENT IV**

**United States Advanced Network, Inc.**

**Proposed Tariff**

TELECOMMUNICATIONS TARIFF  
OF  
United States Advanced Network, Inc.

This Tariff contains the service descriptions and rates applicable to the furnishing of resold telecommunications services offered by United States Advanced Network, Inc. ("USAN") within the State of South Dakota.

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Issued: March 4, 1999

Effective Date:

ISSUED BY: Charles T. Richardson, President and George F. Johnson, Sr. Secretary  
3000 Northwoods Parkway, Suite 140  
Norcross, Georgia 30071 2009988



**CHECK SHEET**

The Title Page and pages listed below are inclusive and effective as of the date shown. Original and revised pages as named below contain all changes from the original tariff that are in effect on the date shown on each page.

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**EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS**

The following are the only symbols used for the purposes indicated below:

- C - To signify Changed Regulation.
- D - Delete or Discontinue
- I - Change Resulting in an Increase to a rate
- M - Moved from Another Tariff Location
- N - New
- R - Change Resulting in a Reduction to a rate
- S - Matter Appearing Elsewhere or Repeated for Clarification
- T - Change in Text But No Change to Rate or Charge
- Z - Correction

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**TARIFF FORMAT**

- A. Page Numbering** - Sheet numbers appear in the upper right corner of the page. Sheets are numbered sequentially. However, new sheets are occasionally added to the tariff. When a new sheet is added between sheets already in effect, a decimal is added. For example, a new sheet added between sheets 14 and 15 would be 14.1.
- B. Page Revision Numbers** - Revision numbers also appear in the upper right corner of each page. These numbers are used to determine the most current sheet version on file with the Commission. For example, the 4th revised Sheet 14 cancels the 3rd revised Sheet 14. Because of various suspension periods, deferrals, etc., the most current sheet number on file with the Commission is not always the tariff page in effect. Consult the Check Sheet for the sheet currently in effect.
- C. Paragraph Numbering Sequence** - There are nine levels of paragraph coding. Each level of coding is subservient to its next higher level:
- 2.
  - 2.1.
  - 2.1.1.
  - 2.1.1.A.
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  - 2.1.1.A.1.(a).I.
  - 2.1.1.A.1.(a).I.(i).
  - 2.1.1.A.1.(a).I.(i).(1).
- D. Check Sheets** - When a tariff filing is made with the Commission, an updated Check Sheet accompanies the tariff filing. The Check Sheet lists the sheets contained in the tariff, with a cross reference to the current revision number. When new pages are added, the Check Sheet is changed to reflect the revision. All revisions made in a given filing are designated by an asterisk (\*). There will be no other symbols used on this page if these are the only changes made to it (i.e., the format, etc. remain the same, just revised revision levels on some pages). The tariff user should refer to the latest Check Sheet to find out if a particular page is the most current on file with the Commission.

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**SECTION 1 - TECHNICAL TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS**

**Access Line** - A local channel for voice, data, or video communications which connects the Customer location to a location of the Company or its underlying carrier.

**Account** - The Customer who has agreed, orally or in writing, to honor the terms of service established by the Company. An Account may have more than one service billed to the same Customer address. An Account may include multiple locations for the same Customer.

**Authorization Code** - A pre-defined series of numbers to be dialed by the Customer upon access to the Company's system to identify the caller and validate the caller's authorization to use the services provided. The Customer is responsible for charges incurred through the use of his or her assigned Authorization Code.

**Business Customer** - For the purpose of this tariff, a Business Customer is a Customer of the Company whose primary use of the Company's service is for business purposes. A Business Customer is also a Customer who accesses the Company's service using an access line that has been assigned a business class of service by the local service provider.

**Commission** - refers to the Public Utility Commission of South Dakota.

**Company** - United States Advanced Network, Inc., unless stated otherwise.

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**SECTION 1 - TECHNICAL TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS, *cont'd.***

**Company's Point of Presence** - Location of the serving central office associated with access to the Company's or its underlying carrier's network.

**Consumer** - A person who is not a Customer who initiates any telephone calls using operator services.

**Customer** - Any person, firm, partnership, corporation or other entity which subscribes to or uses service under the terms and conditions of this tariff. The Customer is responsible for the payment of charges for service offered by the Company which are subscribed to or used by the Customer. The Customer is also responsible for payment of charges for a third person's use of service to which the Customer subscribes.

**Customer Dialed Calling Card** - A service whereby the Customer dials all of the digits necessary to route and bill the call to a valid non-USAN calling card or credit card.

**Equal Access** - The ability of the Company to serve Customers on a presubscribed basis rather than through the use of dial access codes.

**Initial And Additional Period** - The Initial Period denotes the interval of time allowed at the rate specified for a connection between given service points. The Additional Period denotes the interval of time used for measuring and charging for time in excess of the Initial Period.

**LATA** - Local access and transport area. A geographic area established by the US District Court for the District of Columbia in Civil Action No. 82-0192.

**LEC** - Local Exchange Company

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**SECTION 1 - TECHNICAL TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS, cont'd**

**Prepaid Account** - An account which consist of a prepaid usage balance depleted on a real time basis during each prepaid service call.

**Prepaid Card** - A card issued by the Company which provides the Customer with a Personal Account code and instructions for accessing the Carrier's network.

**Prepaid Service Call** - A service accessed via a "1-800" or other access code dialing sequence whereby the Customer or Authorized User dials all of the digits necessary to route a call. Network usage for each call is deducted from the available balance on a Company-issued Prepaid Account.

**Premises** - The physical space designated by the Customer for the termination of the Company's service.

**Residential Customer** - For the purpose of this tariff, a Residential Customer is a Customer of the Company whose primary use of the Company's service is for personal use in a house, apartment or other residential dwelling unit. A Residential Customer is also a Customer who accesses the Company's service using an access line that has not been assigned a business class of service by the local service provider.

**Switched Access** - A method for reaching the Company through the local service provider's switched network whereby the Customer uses standard business or residential local lines.

**Terminal Equipment** - Telecommunications devices, apparatus and associated wiring on the Premises of the Customer.

**USAN** - Refers to United States Advanced Network, Inc.

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**SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**2.1 Undertaking of the Company**

USAN is a resale common carrier providing intrastate direct dialed and travel card services to Customers within the State of South Dakota. USAN's services and facilities are furnished for communications originating at specified points within the State of South Dakota under terms of this Tariff.

USAN provides for the installation, operation, and maintenance of the communications services provided herein in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth under this Tariff. USAN may act as the Customer's agent for ordering access connection facilities provided by other carriers or entities, when authorized by the Customer, to allow connection of a Customer's location to the USAN services. The Customer shall be responsible for all charges due for such service arrangement.

The Company's services are provided on a monthly basis unless otherwise provided, and are available twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days per week.

**2.2 Applicability of Tariff**

This Tariff is applicable to telecommunications services provided by USAN within the state of South Dakota.

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**SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS, cont'd.**

**2.3 Payment and Credit Regulations**

**2.3.1 Payment Arrangements**

The Customer is responsible for payment of all charges for services and equipment furnished to the Customer for transmission of calls via the Company. The Customer agrees to pay to the Company or its authorized agent any cost(s) incurred as a result of any delegation of authority resulting in the use of his or her communications equipment and/or network services which result in the placement of calls via the Company. The Customer agrees to pay the Company or its authorized agent any and all cost(s) incurred as a result of the use of the service arrangement, including calls which the Customer did not individually authorize.

All charges due by the Customer are payable to the Company or any agency duly authorized to receive such payments. Terms of payment shall be according to the rules and regulations of the agency and subject to the rules of regulatory agencies, such as the South Dakota PUC. Any objections to billed charges must be promptly reported to the Company or its billing agent. Adjustments to Customers' bills shall be made to the extent that circumstances exist which reasonably indicate that such changes are appropriate.

Charges for installations, service connections, moves, and rearrangements, where applicable, are payable upon demand by the Company or its authorized agent. The billing thereafter will include recurring charges and actual usage as defined in this Tariff.

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**SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS, *cont'd.***

**2.3 Payment and Credit Regulations, *cont'd.***

**2.3.2 Deposits**

The Company reserves the right to examine the credit record of the Customer, using any lawful sources for determining credit standing. If the Customer's financial condition is unknown or unacceptable to the Company, the Customer may be required to provide the Company with a security deposit which the Company may apply against overdue charges. The amount of the security deposit shall be equal to three months' estimated usage but may vary with the Customer's credit history and projected usage. The Customer shall be apprized that after one year of service the Account shall be reviewed, and in the event that all amounts due have been paid within the terms and conditions of this tariff, the deposit shall be refunded in full with interest as required by law or regulations. If subsequent payment or usage patterns change, the Company may request an increase in or resubmission of the security deposit as appropriate. The Company may also require a security deposit before service is restored (along with the payment of overdue charges) from the Customer whose service has been discontinued for nonpayment of overdue charges. Such security deposit may be based on a new credit history (taking into account the discontinuance of service) and estimates of usage.

The fact that a security deposit has been made in no way relieves the Customer from the prompt payment of bills upon presentation.

**2.3.3 Advance Payments**

For Customers whom the Company determines an advance payment is necessary, the Company reserves the right to collect an amount not to exceed one (1) month's estimated charges as an advance payment for service. This will be applied against the next month's charges and a new advance payment may be collected for the next month.

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**SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS, cont'd.**

**2.3 Payment and Credit Regulations, cont'd.**

**2.3.4 Payment Due Date and Late Payment Charges**

All bills are due upon receipt. Any bill outstanding and unpaid more than thirty (30) days after the date the bill is postmarked, shall be considered past due. A late payment fee of 1.5% per month will be applied to any past due balance.

**2.3.5 Return Check Charge**

A return check charge of \$25.00 or 5% of the balance due (whichever is greater) will be assessed for checks returned for insufficient funds. Any applicable return check charges will be assessed according to the terms and conditions of the billing entity (i.e. local exchange company and/or commercial credit card company) and pursuant to South Dakota law and South Dakota PUC regulations.

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS, *cont'd.*

2.4 Taxes and Fees

- 2.4.1 For Prepaid Card calls, state and local taxes are included in the stated rates in this tariff. For all other calls, state and local taxes (i.e., gross receipts tax, sales tax, municipal utilities tax) are listed as separate line items on the Customer's bill and are not included in the quoted rates and charges set forth in this tariff.
- 2.4.2 To the extent that a municipality, other political subdivision or local agency of government, or Commission imposes upon and collects from the Company a gross receipts tax, occupation tax, license tax, permit fee, franchise fee, or regulatory fee, such taxes and fees shall, insofar as practicable and allowed by law, be billed pro rata to Customers receiving service from the Company within the territorial limits of such municipality, other political subdivision or local agency of government.
- 2.4.3 The Company may adjust its rates and charges or impose additional rates and charges on its Customers in order to recover amounts it is required by governmental or quasi-governmental authorities to collect from or pay to others in support of statutory or regulatory programs. Such adjustments shall be listed in this tariff.

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**SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS, cont'd.****2.4 Taxes and Fees, cont'd.****2.4.3 cont'd.****A. Pay Telephone Surcharge**

In order to recover the Company's expenses to comply with the FCC's pay telephone compensation plan effective on October 7, 1997 (FCC 97-371), an undiscountable per call charge is applicable to all interstate, intrastate and international calls that originate from any domestic pay telephone used to access the Company's services. The Pay Telephone Surcharge, which is in addition to standard tariffed usage charges and any applicable service charges and surcharges associated with the Company's service, applies for the use of the instrument used to access the Company service and is unrelated to the Company's service accessed from the pay telephone.

Pay telephones include coin-operated and coinless phones owned by local telephone companies, independent companies and other interexchange carriers. The Pay Telephone Surcharge applies to the initial completed call and any reoriginated call (i.e., using the "#" symbol).

Whenever possible, the Pay Telephone Surcharge will appear on the same invoice containing the usage charges for the surcharged call. In cases where proper pay telephone coding digits are not transmitted to the Company prior to completion of a call, the Pay Telephone Surcharge may be billed on a subsequent invoice after the Company has obtained information from a carrier that the originating station is an eligible pay telephone.

The Pay Telephone Surcharge does not apply to calls placed from pay telephones at which the Customer pays for service by inserting coins during the progress of the call.

Rate per Call	\$0.30
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**SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS, cont'd.****2.5 Refunds or Credits for Service Outages or Deficiencies****2.5.1 Interruption of Service**

Credit allowances for interruptions of service which are not due to the Company's testing or adjusting, to the negligence of the Customer, or to the failure of channels, equipment or communications systems provided by the Customer, are subject to the general liability provisions set forth in Section 2.6 herein. No credit is issued for outages less than ½ hour in duration. Credit for outages greater than ½ hour in duration is issued for fixed recurring monthly charges only. Outage credits are calculated in thirty minute intervals. The amount of the credit is determined by prorating the monthly recurring charge for the time of the outage (in thirty-minute intervals). It shall be the obligation of the Customer to notify the Company immediately of any interruption in service for which a credit allowance is desired by Customer. Before giving such notice, the Customer shall ascertain that the trouble is not within his or her control, or is not in wiring or equipment, if any, furnished by the Customer and connected to the Company's terminal. Interruptions caused by Customer-provided or Company-provided automatic dialing equipment are not deemed an interruption of service as defined herein since the Customer has the option of using the long distance network via local exchange company access.

Credit allowances for interruptions of service billed on a usage basis shall be limited to the rate applicable to the initial period of the call to compensate for re-establishment of the connection.

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**SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS, *cont'd.***

**2.5 Refunds or Credits for Service Outages or Deficiencies, *cont'd.***

**2.5.2 Inspection, Testing and Adjustment**

Upon reasonable notice, the facilities provided by the Company shall be made available to the Company for such tests and adjustments as may be deemed necessary for maintenance in a condition satisfactory to the Company. No interruption allowance will be granted for the time during which such tests and adjustments are made.

**2.6 Liabilities of the Company**

**2.6.1** The liability of the Company for any claim or loss, expense or damage (including indirect, special, or consequential damage) for any interruption, delay, error, omission, or defect in any service, facility or transmission provided under this Tariff shall not exceed an amount equivalent to the proportionate charges to the Customer for the period of service or the facility provided during which such interruption, delay, error, omission, or defect occurs.

**2.6.2** The Company shall not be liable for any claim or loss, expense, or damage (including indirect, special, or consequential damage), for any interruption, delay, error, omission, or other defect in any service facility, or transmission provided under this Tariff, if caused by any person or entity other than the Company, by any malfunction of any service or facility provided by any other carrier, by any act of God, fire, war, civil disturbance, or act of government, or by any other cause beyond the Company's direct control.

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**SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS, *cont'd.***

**2.6 Liabilities of the Company, *cont'd.***

**2.6.3** The Company shall not be liable for, and shall be fully indemnified and held harmless by Customer or other users of its service against any claim or loss, expense, or damage, (i) for defamation, invasion of privacy, infringement of copyright or patent, unauthorized use of any trademark, trade name, or service mark, unfair competition, interference with or misappropriation or violation of any contract, proprietary or creative right, or any other injury to any person, property, or entity arising from the material data, information, or content revealed to, transmitted, processed, handled, or used by Company under this Tariff, or (ii) for connecting, combining, or adapting Company's facilities with Customer's apparatus or systems, or (iii) for any act or omission of the Customer, or (iv) for any personal injury or death of any person, or for any loss of or damage to Customer's premises or any other property, whether owned by Customer or others, caused directly or indirectly by the installation, maintenance, location, condition, operation, failure or removal of equipment or wiring provided by the Company if not directly caused by negligence of the Company.

**2.6.4** The Company will provide credit on charges disputed by Customer in writing that are verified as incorrect by Company. If objection in writing is not received by Company within a reasonable period of time after bill is rendered (as determined by current law and regulatory policy), the account shall be deemed correct and binding upon the Customer.

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS, *cont'd.*

2.7 Refusal or Discontinuance by Company

2.7.1 Service may be suspended by the Company, without notice to the Customer, by blocking traffic to certain cities or NXX exchanges, or by blocking calls using certain Customer travel cards when the Company deems it necessary to take such action to prevent unlawful use of its service. USAN will restore services as soon as it can be provided without undue risk, and will upon request by the Customer, assign new travel card codes to replace ones that have been deactivated.

2.7.2 USAN may refuse or discontinue service under the following conditions provided that, unless otherwise stated, the Customer shall be given notice to comply with any rule or remedy any deficiency:

- A. For non-compliance with or violation of any State, municipal, or Federal law, ordinance or regulation pertaining to telephone service.
- B. For use of telephone service for any purpose other than that described in the application.
- C. For neglect or refusal to provide reasonable access to USAN or its agents for the purpose of inspection and maintenance of equipment owned by USAN or its agents.
- D. For noncompliance with or violation of Commission regulation or rules and regulations on file with the Commission.

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS, *cont'd.*

2.7 Refusal or Discontinuance by Company, *cont'd.*

2.7.2 *cont'd.*

- E. For nonpayment of bills, provided that suspension or termination of service shall not be made without five (5) days written notice to the Customer, except in extreme cases. Such notice will be provided in a mailing separate from the Customer's regular monthly bill for service.
- F. Without notice in the event of Customer or Authorized User use of equipment in such a manner as to adversely affect USAN' equipment or service to others.
- G. Without notice in the event of tampering with the equipment or services owned by USAN or its agents.
- H. Without notice in the event of unauthorized or fraudulent use of service. Whenever service is discontinued for fraudulent use of service, USAN may, before restoring service, require the Customer to make, at his or her own expense, all changes in facilities or equipment necessary to eliminate illegal use and to pay an amount reasonably estimated as the loss in revenues resulting from such fraudulent use.
- I. Without notice by reason of any order or decision of a court or other government authority having jurisdiction which prohibits Company from furnishing such services.

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**SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS, *cont'd.***

**2.8 Limitations of Service**

- 2.8.1 Service will be furnished subject to the continuing economic availability of the necessary facilities and/or equipment and subject to the provisions of this Tariff.
- 2.8.2 USAN reserves the right to discontinue furnishing service, upon written notice, when necessitated by conditions beyond its control, or when the Customer is using the service in violation of the provisions of this Tariff, or in violation of law.
- 2.8.3 The Company does not undertake to transmit messages but offers the use of its facilities when available, and will not be liable for errors in transmission or for failure to establish connections.
- 2.8.4 USAN reserves the right to discontinue the offering of any service with proper notice or deny an application for service if a change in regulation materially and negatively impacts the financial viability of the service in the best business judgment of the Company.

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**SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS, cont'd.**

**2.9 Use of Service**

Service may be used for any lawful purpose for which it is technically suited. Customers reselling or rebilling USAN' South Dakota intrastate service must have authority to provide interexchange services from the South Dakota Public Utility Commission.

**2.10 Terminal Equipment**

Company's facilities and service may be used with or terminated in Customer-provided terminal equipment or systems, such as PBXs, key systems, multiplexers, repeaters, signaling sets, teleprinters, handsets, or data sets. Such terminal equipment shall be furnished and maintained at the expense of the Customer, except as otherwise provided. Customer is responsible for all costs at his or her premises, including personnel, wiring, electrical power, and the like, incurred in the use of Company's service.

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**SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS, *cont'd.***

**2.11 Cost of Collection and Repair**

Customer is responsible for any and all costs incurred in the collection of monies due the Company including legal and accounting expenses. The Customer is also responsible for recovery costs of Company-provided equipment and any expenses required for repair or replacement of damaged equipment.

**2.12 Restoration of Service**

Restoration of service shall be accomplished in accordance with South Dakota PUC and FCC rules and regulations.

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**SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS, *cont'd.***

**2.13 Other Rules**

- 2.13.1** The Company may temporarily suspend service without notice to the Customer, by blocking traffic to certain cities or NXX exchanges, or by blocking calls using certain Personal Account codes when the Company deems it necessary to take such action to prevent unlawful use of its service. The Company will restore service as soon as service can be provided without undue risk of fraud.

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**SECTION 3 - RATES AND SERVICES**

**3.1 General**

- 3.1.1 The Company provides telecommunications services between locations within the State of Arkansas. The Company's service charges are based upon call duration, time of day rate period, mileage, and/or call type.
- 3.1.2 Presubscribed service is offered from locations served with equal access end offices.
- 3.1.3 The Company's service is available twenty-four hours per day, seven days a week.

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**SECTION 3 - RATES AND SERVICES, cont'd.****3.2 Calculation of Distance**

Usage charges for all mileage sensitive products are based on the airline distance between serving wire centers associated with the originating and terminating points of the call.

The serving wire centers of a call are determined by the area codes and exchanges of the origination and destination points.

The distance between the Wire Center of the Customer's equipment and that of the destination point is calculated by using the "V" and "H" coordinates found in BellCore's V&H Tape and NECA FCC Tariff No. 4.

- Step 1 - Obtain the "V" and "H" coordinates for the Wire Centers serving the Customer and the destination point.
- Step 2 - Obtain the difference between the "V" coordinates of each of the Wire Centers. Obtain the Difference between the "H" coordinates.
- Step 3 - Square the differences obtained in Step 2.
- Step 4 - Add the squares of the "V" difference and "H" difference obtained in Step 3.
- Step 5 - Divide the sum of the square obtained in Step 4 by ten (10). Round to the next higher whole number if any fraction results from the division.
- Step 6 - Obtain the square root of the whole number obtained in Step 5. Round to the next higher whole number if any fraction is obtained. This is the distance between the Wire Centers.

Formula:

$$\sqrt{\frac{(V_1 - V_2)^2 + (H_1 - H_2)^2}{10}}$$

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**SECTION 3 - RATES AND SERVICES, *cont'd.***

**3.3 Timing of Calls**

Billing for calls placed over the network is based in part on the duration of the call.

- 3.3.1 Timing for all calls begins when the called party answers the call (i.e. when two way communications are established.) Answer detection is based on standard industry answer detection methods, including hardware and software answer detection.
- 3.3.2 Chargeable time for all calls ends when one of the parties disconnects from the call.
- 3.3.3 Minimum call duration and additional increments for billing are specified in the description of each service.
- 3.3.4 No charges apply to incomplete calls.
- 3.3.5 When a call is established in one rate period and ends in another rate period, the rate in effect at the calling station applies to the entire call.

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**SECTION 3 - RATES AND SERVICES, cont'd.****3.4 Rate Periods**

Unless otherwise specified in this tariff, the following rate periods apply to all services subject to time of day discounts:

	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
8:00 AM TO 5:00 PM*	DAYTIME RATE PERIOD						
5:00 PM TO 11:00 PM*	EVENING RATE PERIOD						EVE
11:00 PM TO 8:00 AM*	NIGHT/WEEKEND RATE PERIOD						

\* Up to but not including.

Calls are billed based on the rate in effect for the actual time period(s) during which the call occurs. Calls that cross rate period boundaries are billed the rates in effect in that boundary for each portion of the call, based on the time of day at the Customer location.

**3.5 Holiday Rates**

Calls on the following Company-recognized Holidays are rated at the Evening Rate Period rate unless a lower rate would normally apply.

New Year's Day**	Labor Day	Christmas Day**
Independence Day**	Thanksgiving Day	Memorial Day*

\* - Applies to Federally observed day only

\*\* - When this Holiday falls on Sunday, the Holiday rate applies to calls placed on the preceding Friday.

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**SECTION 3 - DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE AND RATES, (Cont'd.)**

**3.6 Prepaid Card Service**

Prepaid Card Service allows Customers to place direct dialed calls between locations within the state. Customers access the USAN network by dialing a Toll Free (i.e. "800/888) number or other access dialing sequence and entering a Personal Account Code.

The Company's system informs the Customer of the Available Usage Balance remaining in his/her Prepaid Account and prompts the Customer to place a call by entering a destination telephone number. Network usage for calls placed is deducted from the Available Usage Balance in the Customer's account on a real time basis as the call progresses. Customers purchase a Prepaid Card which assigns each Customer a Prepaid Account, provides each Customer with a Personal Account Code and lists instructions for accessing and using Company's service. Prepaid Cards are available in varying denominations.

Purchase of a Prepaid Card entitles the Customer to use the USAN network for a number of minutes equivalent to the card denomination divided by the effective per minute rate. The Customer's right to utilize network usage within a given Prepaid Account expires one year after issuance and activation of the Prepaid Card associated with that Prepaid Account number. No minimum service period applies. Payment for Prepaid Card Services and any Available Usage in a Customer's Prepaid Account is nonrefundable. Any unused balances will be applied toward renewal value of the card account.

Prepaid Card service rates are not distance or time of day sensitive. Holiday discounts do not apply. Network usage for Prepaid Card Calls is deducted from the Available Usage Balance in Customer's Prepaid Account in full minute increments. For Prepaying purposes, the minimum call usage is one (1) minute; one domestic minute is equal to one unit.

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**SECTION 3 - DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE AND RATES, (Cont'd.)**

**3.6 Prepaid Card Service, (Cont'd.)**

**3.6.1 Prepaid Card Sponsor Program**

The Prepaid Card Sponsor Program is offered to organizations or commercial entities for distribution to their members, patrons or customers. The marketing vehicle and expiration period is selected by the Sponsor upon joint agreement between the Company and the Sponsor. The Sponsor is responsible for obtaining all necessary permissions for the use of any trade mark, trade name, service mark or other image on the card. The Sponsor may distribute the Company's Prepaid card accounts at reduced rates or free of charge to end users. At the option of the Sponsor, these cards may not be replenishable. The Company reserves the right to approve or reject any image and to specify the customer information language and use of the Company's trade mark, trade name, service mark or other image on the card.

**3.6.2 USAN Prepaid Card Bulk Purchase**

USAN Prepaid Card Bulk Purchase services are offered to Retailers who commit to a minimum of minutes per month, as specified in their joint contractual agreements. The retail rate of the card is set by the Retailer, however the per minute rate shall not exceed \$0.65 per minute.

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**SECTION 3 - DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE AND RATES, (Cont'd.)****3.6 Prepaid Card Service, (Cont'd.)****3.6.3 Prepaid Card Rates**

USAN Prepaid Card charges are composed of three rate elements: a surcharge which applies each time the Prepaid Card is utilized, a per minute rate and a storage fee which is charged if the activation of the card exceeds 6 months. The domestic rates for the USAN Prepaid cards are:

- |     |   |        |
|-----|---|--------|
| (1) | <b>Surcharge</b>  |        |
|     | Per use   | \$0.45 |
| (2) | <b>Per Minute Rate</b>  |        |
|     |   | \$0.15 |
| (3) | <b>Storage Fee</b>  |        |
|     | Per month, after the 6 month activation<br>period is exceeded | \$0.50 |

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**SECTION 4 - PROMOTIONS**

**4.1 Promotional Offerings - General**

From time to time, the Company may provide promotional offerings to introduce a current or potential Subscriber to a service not being used by the subscriber. These offerings may be limited to certain dates, times or locations and may waive or reduce recurring or non-recurring charges.

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**ATTACHMENT V**

**United States Advanced Network, Inc.**

**Sales & Marketing Material**

## What Companies Use USAN?

We are a Service Bureau that provides Network Based Interactive Voice Response (NIVR) Applications for Major Telcos and Interexchange Carriers.

USAN provides the hardware and software to develop customized NIVR solutions including the maintenance and the application development

We offer complete services to our clients including, long distance, Interfaces into the client's order entry, billing, and fraud control systems.

USAN has developed enhanced NIVR applications with Interfaces into a client IBM mainframe. Some of our current platform designs include prepaid and postpaid applications, and enhanced 800 services. USAN can even provide the 1+ or 0+ services in a network based design or even the communications at a very attractive price. USAN is tariffed to become a carrier if required for PrePaid and PostPaid operator services.

We provide turnkey solutions that allows the carrier to offer live operator and automated operator service, communications as a reseller, and interfaces into the existing order entry, fraud control, and billing systems.



## Want to Learn More?

For more information about our services, or for a price estimate on a specific project requiring a NIVR solution, please call us

We'll get back to you quickly with the information you need. If you have a specific NIVR application that requires high reliability and customized network based design, please call us to set up a meeting.

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**ATTACHMENT VI**

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**Cost Support Data**

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**Cost Support Data**

The cost and revenue estimates calculated below are based on a projected mix of traffic and USAN's current network experience.

**Prepaid Per Call Data**

Average per call revenue:	\$ 0.26
(daytime, intrastate)	
Communications cost:	\$ 0.17
Customer Service cost:	\$ 0.04
Administrative Overhead:	\$ 0.03
Bad Debt Allowance:	\$ N/A
 Total Cost	 \$ 0.24
 Gross Margin Per Call:	 \$ 0.05
 Gross Margin %:	 21%

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**TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**TC99-020** In the Matter of the Application of United States Advanced Network, Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Telecommunications Services in South Dakota.

United States Advanced Network, Inc. seeks authority to provide intrastate prepaid card service in conjunction with its interstate service offerings to residential and business customers.

Staff Attorney: Camron Hoseck  
Staff Analyst: Harlan Best  
Date Filed: 03/05/99  
Intervention Deadline: 03/26/99

**TC99-021** In the Matter of the Application of Promise-Net International, Ltd. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Telecommunications Services in South Dakota.

Promise-Net International, Ltd. is a reseller which intends to offer switched and dedicated access, 800/888 toll free, 1 plus, and prepaid calling card interexchange services on a statewide basis.

Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer  
Staff Analyst: Keith Senger  
Date Filed: 03/08/99  
Intervention Date: 03/26/99

**TC99-022** In the Matter of the Application of Glyphics Communications, Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Telecommunications Services in South Dakota.

Glyphics Communications, Inc. proposes to offer outbound presubscribed service and toll free inbound service. Services will be provided to both residential and business customers. Intrastate service is offered as an add-on to Glyphics' interstate service.

Staff Attorney: Camron Hoseck  
Staff Analyst: Harlan Best  
Date Filed: 03/10/99  
Intervention Deadline: 03/26/99

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**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC  
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**Re: Amendment to the Registration of United States Advanced Network, Inc.  
for Authority to Provide Intrastate Telecommunications Services within  
the State of South Dakota**

Dear Mr. Bullard:

Enclosed for filing are the original and ten (10) copies of the Amendment to the Registration for Authority to Provide Intrastate Telecommunications Services, filed on behalf of United States Advanced Network, Inc. This amendment and tariff changes were requested recently in a letter from Harlan Best of your staff.

Please return, date-stamped, the extra copy of this cover letter in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope provided for this purpose.

Any questions you may have regarding the above filing should be directed to me at (407) 740-8575.

Sincerely,

Louise Beale  
Consultant for  
United States Advanced Network, Inc.

cc: Louise Beale, United States Advanced Network, Inc.  
File: United States Advanced Network, Inc. - SDO  
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March 16, 1999

Lou se Beale, Consultant to  
United States Advanced Network, Inc.  
210 North Park Avenue  
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VIA FAX ONLY  
407-740-0613

5 pages

RE: United States Advanced Network, Inc. Application for Certificate of Authority – TC99-020

Dear Ms. Beale:

The South Dakota Public Utilities Commission has docketed the above application as TC99-020. Administrative Rule 20:10:24:02 sets forth the information that must be submitted for a certificate of authority. I have enclosed a copy of this chapter which was recently revised and the revisions went into effect on December 27, 1993. To ensure timely handling of your request, your prompt response in compliance with ARSD 20:10:24:02 should be made.

In addition to the above requirement, I have the following initial questions regarding the application by USAN:

1. USAN's tariff at 2.6.1 and 2.6.2 attempts to limit liability of the company. Under South Dakota law, specifically SDCL 49-13-1 and 49-13-1.1, a person has the right to claim damages from a telecommunications company either before the Commission or a court of competent jurisdiction. Before bringing this application before the Commissioners for consideration, is your client willing to voluntarily rescind these tariff provisions? If so, please resubmit the appropriate tariff sheets with the provisions removed. Should you or your client wish to discuss this further, please contact Camron Hoseck, staff attorney.
2. Please delete the last sentence of tariff subsection 2.11 as this subsection is attempting to limit the liability of the applicant.
3. ARSD 20:10:24:02(8) requires "a balance sheet, income statement and cash flow statement; a copy of the applicant's latest annual report; a copy of the applicant's report to stockholders..." Please provide the above, not a statement by a company officer.

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4. Please provide "a description of how the applicant handles customer billings and customer service matters" as required by ARSD 20:10:24:02(9).
5. Please provide a response to ARSD 20:10:24:02(13) and (14). These are shown on the attached ARSD 20:10:24:02.
6. The tariff at 3.1 references intrastate direct dialed services. Is USAN proposing to offer this service in South Dakota? If yes, please provide a tariff sheet with the appropriate rates.
7. Please provide the guidelines used by the applicant to determine Deposits (tariff at 2.3.2). "... unacceptable to the Company ..."
8. Please provide the guidelines used by the applicant to determine Advanced Payments (tariff at 2.3.3). "... whom the Company determines an advanced payment is necessary ..."
9. The Return Check Charge (tariff at 2.3.5) is limited by state statute. Please delete "of 5% of the balance due (whichever is greater)".
10. Please change "Arkansas" to "South Dakota" at tariff 3.1.1.
11. Please file all promotions with the SDPUC prior to its offering.

If you should have any questions regarding the above items, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



HARLAN BEST, Utility Analyst

cc Camron Hoseck, Staff Attorney

20:10:24:02. Certificate of authority for interexchange service -- Application requirements. Each telecommunication company required to apply for a certificate of authority with the commission pursuant to SDCI. 49-31-3 for interexchange service shall provide the following information with the company's application unless the commission grants a waiver to omit a specific item of information:

- (1) The name, address, and telephone number of the applicant;
  
- (2) The name under which the applicant will provide these services if different than in subdivision (1) of this section
  
- (3) If the applicant is a corporation:
  - (a) The state in which it is incorporated, the date of incorporation, and a copy of its certificate of incorporation or, if it is an out-of-state corporation, a copy of its certificate of authority to transact business in South Dakota from the Secretary of State;
  
  - (b) The location of its principal office, if any, in this state and the name and address of its current registered agent; and
  
  - (c) The name and address of each corporation, association, partnership, cooperative, or individual holding a 20 percent or greater ownership or management interest in the applicant corporation and the amount and character of the ownership or management interest;
  
- (4) If the applicant is a partnership, the name, title, and business address of each partner, both general and limited;
  
- (5) A descriptor of the telecommunications services the applicant intends to offer;



- (6) A detailed statement of the means by which the applicant will provide its services;
- (7) The geographic areas in which the services will be offered or a map describing the service area;
- (8) Current financial statements including a balance sheet, income statement, and cash flow statement, a copy of the applicant's latest annual report; a copy of the applicant's report to stockholders; and a copy of applicant's tariff with the terms and conditions of service;
- (9) The names, addresses, telephone number, fax number, E-mail address, and toll free number of the applicant's representatives to whom all inquiries must be made regarding complaints and regulatory matters; and a description of how the applicant handles customer billings and customer service matters;
- (10) A list of the states in which the applicant is registered or certified to provide telecommunications services, whether the applicant has ever been denied registration or certification in any state and the reasons for any such denial, a statement as to whether or not the applicant is in good standing with the appropriate regulatory agency in the states where it is registered or certified, and a detailed explanation of why the applicant is not in good standing in a given state, if applicable;
- (11) A description of how the applicant intends to market its services, its target market, whether the applicant engages in any multilevel marketing, and copies of any company brochures used to assist in the sale of services;
- (12) Cost support for rates shown in the company's tariff for all noncompetitive or emerging competitive services;
- (13) Federal tax identification number;

(14) The number and nature of complaints filed against the applicant with any state or federal regulatory commission regarding the unauthorized switching of a customer's telecommunications provider and the act of charging customers for services that have not been ordered;

(15) A written request for waiver of those rules the applicant believes to be inapplicable; and

(16) Other information requested by the commission needed to demonstrate that the applicant has sufficient technical and managerial capabilities to provide the interexchange services it intends to offer consistent with the requirements of this chapter and other applicable rules and laws.

The commission may require the production of an audited financial statement and additional information to supplement that contained in the application. A company shall notify the commission of any changes in subdivisions (1), (2), (7), and (9) and subsection (3)(b) of this section as they occur. If a company revises its tariff, the revised tariff sheets shall be provided to the commission.

Source: 16 SDR 106, effective December 27, 1989; 21 SDR 81, effective November 3, 1994; 22 SDR 107, effective February 18, 1996; 25 SDR 89, effective December 27, 1998.

General Authority: SDCL 49-31-3.

Law Implemented: SDCL 49-31-3.

**State of South Dakota  
Amendment to the Application of United States Advanced Network, Inc.  
for a Certificate of Authority Application No. TC99-020**

**Responses to the Request for Application Changes  
United States Advanced Network, Inc.**

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**General Letter Requests**

1. 2.6.1 and 2.6.2 were revised to mirror the language recently approved by staff for another company that Technologies Management, Inc. recently filed. See attached tariff page 15 for these updates.
2. This sentence in 2.11 was deleted.
3. The financial statements requested will be filed separately with a request for confidentiality, as outlined in rule 20:10:01:41
4. A description of how the applicant handles customer billing and customer service matters is enclosed as Appendix One. Also as requested in ARSD 20:10:24:02 (9) the applicant's representative to whom all inquiries must be made regarding complaints and regulatory matters is:

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Norcross, Georgia 30071  
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5. Responses to ARSD 20:10:24:02 (13) and (14) are as follows:

(13) USAN's Federal Tax Identification Number is: 58-1817028

(14) There have been zero (0) complaints filed against USAN with any state or federal regulatory commission regarding the unauthorized switching of a customer's telecommunications provider and the act of charging customers for services that have not been ordered.

**State of South Dakota**  
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6. The tariff sheet was updated to remove "intrastate direct dialed services".
7. The tariff has been changed to remove this requirement.
8. The tariff has been changed to remove this requirement.
9. This update has been made in the tariff.
10. This update has been made in the tariff.
11. United States Advanced Network, Inc. will file promotions with the SDPUC prior to its offering them.

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**TARIFF PAGE UPDATES**

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**SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**2.1 Undertaking of the Company**

USAN is a resale common carrier providing intrastate travel card services to Customers within the State of South Dakota. USAN's services and facilities are furnished for communications originating at specified points within the State of South Dakota under terms of this Tariff.

USAN provides for the installation, operation, and maintenance of the communications services provided herein in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth under this Tariff. USAN may act as the Customer's agent for ordering access connection facilities provided by other carriers or entities, when authorized by the Customer, to allow connection of a Customer's location to the USAN services. The Customer shall be responsible for all charges due for such service arrangement.

The Company's services are provided on a monthly basis unless otherwise provided, and are available twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days per week.

**2.2 Applicability of Tariff**

This Tariff is applicable to telecommunications services provided by USAN within the state of South Dakota.

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**SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS, *cont'd.***

**2.3 Payment and Credit Regulations, *cont'd.***

**2.3.2 Deposits**

The Company does not require deposits.

**2.3.3 Advance Payments**

The Company does not require advanced payments.

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**SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS, *cont'd.***

**2.3 Payment and Credit Regulations, *cont'd.***

**2.3.4 Payment Due Date and Late Payment Charges**

All bills are due upon receipt. Any bill outstanding and unpaid more than thirty (30) days after the date the bill is postmarked, shall be considered past due. A late payment fee of 1.5% per month will be applied to any past due balance.

**2.3.5 Return Check Charge**

A return check charge of \$25.00 will be assessed for checks returned for insufficient funds. Any applicable return check charges will be assessed according to the terms and conditions of the billing entity (i.e. local exchange company and/or commercial credit card company) and pursuant to South Dakota law and South Dakota PUC regulations.

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**SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS, *cont'd.***

**2.5 Refunds or Credits for Service Outages or Deficiencies, *cont'd.***

**2.5.2 Inspection, Testing and Adjustment**

Upon reasonable notice, the facilities provided by the Company shall be made available to the Company for such tests and adjustments as may be deemed necessary for maintenance in a condition satisfactory to the Company. No interruption allowance will be granted for the time during which such tests and adjustments are made.

**2.6 Liabilities of the Company**

**2.6.1** USAN's liability for damages arising out of mistakes, interruptions, omissions, delays, errors, or defects in transmission which occur in the course of furnishing service or facilities, shall be determined in accordance with SDCL 49-13-1 and 49-13-1.1 and any other applicable law.

**2.6.2** The Company shall not be liable for claim or loss, expense or damage (including indirect, special or consequential damage), for any interruption, delay, error, omission, or defect in any service, facility or transmission provided under this tariff, if caused by any person or entity other than the Company, by any malfunction of any service or facility provided by any other carrier, by an act of God, fire, war, civil disturbance, or act of government, or by any other cause beyond the Company's direct control.

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**SECTION 3 - RATES AND SERVICES**

**3.1 General**

- 3.1.1 The Company provides telecommunications services between locations within the State of South Dakota. The Company's service charges are based upon call duration, time of day rate period, mileage, and/or call type.
- 3.1.2 Presubscribed service is offered from locations served with equal access end offices.
- 3.1.3 The Company's service is available twenty-four hours per day, seven days a week.

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**APPENDIX ONE**

**United States Advanced Network, Inc.  
Customer Service Plan**

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**Trouble Resolution**

Local service and equipment troubles are directed to the appropriate service providers. Intrastate service troubles will be reported by the Customer to United States Advanced Network, Inc. via its Toll Free, Customer service number 800-277-0504. Billing Inquiries may be directed to the same number: 800-277-0504.

**Customer Complaint Resolution**

A Customer complaint could come into USAN via three different methods; (1) when a Customer dials the Operator and asks to be forwarded to customer service, (2) when the Customer is on the USAN platform and selects the dial prompt to be forwarded to customer service and (3) a Customer could dial the United States Advanced Network, Inc. customer service Toll Free number directly. The Customer Service agent attempts to resolve the complaint within 72 hours. If more information or research is required, the customer is kept informed of the progress.

**Customer Orders**

United States Advanced Network, Inc. complies with Federal Communications Commission requirements regarding letters of agency and sales confirmation.

**Billing**

Billing inquiries for Customers will be handled initially by the local exchange company. For Customers who utilize this approach, the hours of operation would be the same as the hours for the Business Office of the local exchange company.

The second option is for customers to contact USAN's Customer Care Center. The Company's direct Customer Service number is 1-800-277-0504. The Customer Service Department is staffed 24 hours per day, seven days a week.

USAN's goal is to resolve billing errors within 72 hours. In most cases, if the customer is still a customer of United States Advanced Network, Inc., any applicable credits will be applied on the next bill.





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**Re: Request for confidential treatment for ALL OF THE  
INFORMATION ON THE ENCLOSED FINANCIAL  
STATEMENTS FOR THE APPLICATION OF UNITED STATES  
ADVANCED NETWORK, INC.**

**Dear Mr. Bullard:**

Enclosed for filing are the original and ten (10) copies of the **CONFIDENTIAL FINANCIALS** for the application of United States Advanced Network, Inc., as requested by Harlan Best of your staff.

Also attached to these Financial Statements is a letter from the attorney of United States Advanced Network, Inc., requesting that these statements be kept **CONFIDENTIAL**.

**Each page of each financial document enclosed is to be kept confidential for an indefinite period of time.**

As grounds for this request for confidentiality, United States Advanced Network, Inc. states that its Financial Statements contain information which is required to be submitted to the Commission as part of United States Advanced Network, Inc. Application for a Authority to Provide Interexchange Service in the State of South Dakota, however, United States Advanced Network, Inc. is a private, closely-held corporation whose financial information is maintained as highly confidential and proprietary.

Public disclosure of this information would materially damage United States Advanced Network, Inc. competitive and financial positions. Further, the public interest would be impaired by public disclosure of the information contained in the United States Advanced Network, Inc. Financial Statements, in that any compromise of United States Advanced Network, Inc. competitive or financial positions, vis-a-vis its competitors, would ultimately work to the detriment of the consuming public.

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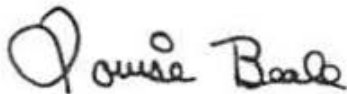
Request for confidentiality to Mr. Bullard

Enclosed you will find the 1998 Income Statement and Balance Sheet as requested, a 1998 Cash Flow Statement was not published by the company. Since the company is a tightly held Subchapter S Corporation, an Annual Report wasn't published. Also enclosed is the 1997 and 1996 Report to the Stockholders, including the Balance Sheet, Statement of Cash Flows, and the Statement of Operations and Retained Earnings for those years. These statements will show that United States Advanced Networks, Inc. is in an excellent financial position to provide service in South Dakota.

Please acknowledge receipt of this filing by date-stamping the extra copy of this cover letter and returning it to me in the self-addressed, stamped envelope provided for this purpose.

Any questions you may have regarding the above filing should be directed to me at (407) 740-8575.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Louise Beale". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Louise Beale  
Consultant for United States Advanced Network, Inc.

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**CONFIDENTIAL 1**

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**Re: Amendment to the Registration of United States Advanced Network, Inc.  
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Dear Mr. Bullard:

Enclosed for filing are the original and ten (10) copies of an Amendment to the Registration for Authority to Provide Intrastate Telecommunications Services, filed on behalf of United States Advanced Network, Inc. This tariff page update was requested recently by Harlan Best of your staff.

Please return, date-stamped, the extra copy of this cover letter in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope provided for this purpose.

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Sincerely,

Louise Beale  
Consultant for  
United States Advanced Network, Inc.

cc: Harlan Best, South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
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**SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS, *cont'd.***

**2.11 Cost of Collection and Repair**

Customer is responsible for any and all costs incurred in the collection of monies due the Company including legal and accounting expenses.

**2.12 Restoration of Service**

Restoration of service shall be accomplished in accordance with South Dakota PUC and FCC rules and regulations.

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF )  
UNITED STATES ADVANCED NETWORK, INC. )  
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO )  
PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS )  
SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA )

ORDER GRANTING  
CERTIFICATE OF  
AUTHORITY

TC99-020

On March 5, 1999, 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 United States Advanced Network, Inc. (Advanced Network).

Advanced Network seeks authority to provide prepaid card intrastate long distance service in conjunction with its interstate service offerings to residential and business customers. Advanced Network will resell services of authorized carriers. A proposed tariff was filed by Advanced Network. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On March 11, 1999, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of March 26, 1999, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its April 8, 1999, meeting, the Commission considered Advanced Network's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Chapter 49-31, specifically 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02 and 20:10:24:03. The Commission finds that Advanced Network has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Advanced Network 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 Advanced Network's application for a certificate of authority. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that Advanced Network's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted, effective May 5, 1999. It is

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1999.

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><i>Altaire Kaelo</i></u>
Date	<u>4/15/99</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

*James A. Burg*  
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

*Pam Nelson*  
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

*Laska Schoenfelder*  
LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner



# SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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## CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

To Conduct Business As A Telecommunications Company  
Within The State Of South Dakota

Authority was Granted April 8, 1999, effective May 5, 1999  
Docket No. TC99-020

*This is to certify that*

**UNITED STATES ADVANCED NETWORK, INC.**

*is authorized to provide telecommunications services in South Dakota.*

This certificate is issued in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02, and is subject to all of the conditions and limitations contained in the rules and statutes governing its conduct of offering telecommunications services.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1999.

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