

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
PRIMUS TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR)
A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN)
SOUTH DAKOTA)

ORDER GRANTING
CERTIFICATE OF
AUTHORITY

TC96-044

On March 8, 1996, 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 Primus Telecommunications, Inc. (Primus).

Primus proposes to provide 24 hour intrastate interexchange telecommunications services to business and residential customers using mostly Feature Group D Access and special access facilities. It has withdrawn its proposed postpaid and prepaid debit travel card services. A proposed tariff was filed by Primus. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On March 14, 1996, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of March 29, 1996, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its regularly scheduled August 13, 1996, meeting, the Commission considered Primus' 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 Primus has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Primus 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 Primus' application for a certificate of authority. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that Primus' application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted, subject to the condition that Primus not offer a prepaid calling card without prior approval of the Commission. It is

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 14th day of August, 1996.

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>Alaine Kalbo</u>
Date: <u>8/15/96</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner

Laska Schoenfelder
LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner