

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	ORDER GRANTING
WEST RIVER LONG DISTANCE COMPANY)	CERTIFICATE OF
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO)	AUTHORITY
PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS)	
SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA)	TC96-123

On July 10, 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 West River Long Distance Company (WRLDC).

WRLDC will provide business and residential direct dial long distance as well as calling card, incoming toll free (800 and 888) service and operator service through Frontier Communications International, WRLDC's network provider. A proposed tariff was filed by WRLDC. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On July 11, 1996, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of July 26, 1996, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its regularly scheduled September 4, 1996, meeting, the Commission considered WRLDC'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 WRLDC has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. WRLDC 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 WRLDC's application for a certificate of authority. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that WRLDC's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted, effective September 10, 1996, subject to the condition that WRLDC not offer a prepaid calling card, require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. It is

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 6th day of September, 1996.

<p>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</p> <p>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.</p> <p>By: <u>Alaine Kalbs</u></p> <p>Date: <u>9/9/96</u></p> <p align="center">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kenneth Stofferahn
KENNETH STOFFERAHN, Chairman

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner

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