

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF TELEC, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA)))	ORDER GRANTING CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TC96-177
--	-------------	--

On October 21, 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 Telec, Inc. (Telec).

Telec proposes to offer all services as a non-facilities-based reseller. It proposes to offer 1+, 800, travel card, and prepaid calling card services. A proposed tariff was filed by Telec. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On October 24, 1996, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of November 8, 1996, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and a regularly scheduled December 31, 1996, meeting, the Commission considered Telec's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that Telec not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission.

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 Telec has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Telec 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 Telec's application for a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that Telec not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

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

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 3rd day of January, 1997.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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.

KENNETH STOFFERAHN, Chairman

JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner

By: _____

Date: _____

LASKA SCHOENFELDER,
Commissioner

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

[CC99orders/includepgs/bottomlinks_insidepg.htm]