

Telecommunications Orders - Issued 1997

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF APOLLO COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, LLC FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA) **ORDER GRANTING CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY**
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) **TC96-183**

On November 20, 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 Apollo Communications Services, LLC (Apollo).

Apollo proposes to offer 1+, 800 directory assistance, travel card, and private line. A proposed tariff was filed by Apollo. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On November 21, 1996, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of December 6, 1996, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and a regularly scheduled February 11, 1997, meeting, the Commission considered Apollo's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that Apollo 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 Apollo has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Apollo 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 Apollo's application for a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that Apollo 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 Apollo's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted, subject to the condition that Apollo not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. It is

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 20th day of February, 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.

By: _____

Date: _____

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

PAM NELSON, Commissioner

LASKA SCHOENFELDER,
Commissioner

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