

## Telecommunications Orders - Issued 1997

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF FAMILY TELECOMMUNICATIONS INCORPORATED FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA</b>	)	<b>ORDER GRANTING CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY</b>
	)	<b>TC96-185</b>

On November 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 Family Telecommunications Incorporated (Family).

Family proposes to provide intrastate communications services to residential and commercial customers including calling cards, prepaid calling cards and in-bound 800 service. A proposed tariff was filed by Family. 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 December 31, 1996, meeting, the Commission considered Family'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 Family has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Family 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 Family's application for a certificate of authority. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that Family's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted, effective January 21, 1997. It is

FURTHER ORDERED, that Family 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.

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KENNETH STOFFERAHN, Chairman

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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LASKA SCHOENFELDER,  
Commissioner

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