

Telecommunications Orders - Issued 1997

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF USA GLOBAL LINK, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA)	ORDER GRANTING CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY
)	TC96-186

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 USA Global Link, Inc. (USA Global).

USA Global intends to offer Message Toll Service, Incoming 800, Travel Card and Prepaid Calling Card services. A proposed tariff was filed by USA Global. 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 April 1, 1997, meeting, the Commission considered USA Global's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority as USA Global had furnished the Commission with a surety bond.

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 USA Global has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. USA Global 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 USA Global's application for a certificate of authority. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that USA Global's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted. It is

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 10th day of April, 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, JAMES A. BURG, Chairman
as listed on the docket service list, by first class mail, in
properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon. _____

By: _____

PAM NELSON, Commissioner

Date: _____

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LASKA SCHOENFELDER,
Commissioner

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