

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF VENDORMATIC, INC. D/B/A HSS VENDING DISTRIBUTORS FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA)))	ORDER DENYING CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TC96-193
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On December 5, 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 Vendormatic, Inc. d/b/a HSS Vending Distributors (HSS).

HSS proposed to become a reseller of intraLATA and interLATA telecommunications services and operator assisted service. A proposed tariff was filed by HSS. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On December 5, 1996, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of December 20, 1996, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. Commission Staff requested additional information from HSS on numerous occasions. HSS never responded or provided the requested information to Staff. A regularly scheduled June 3, 1997, meeting, the Commission considered HSS' request for a certificate of authority. Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:24:03, Commission Staff recommended denial of the application for a certificate of authority due to insufficient information as to HSS' financial, technical, and managerial capabilities.

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 HSS has not met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. HSS has not, in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3, demonstrated sufficient financial, technical, and managerial capabilities to offer telecommunications services in South Dakota. The Commission denies HSS' application for a certificate of authority. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that HSS' application for a certificate of authority is hereby denied.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 10th day of June, 1997.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

PAM NELSON, Commissioner

LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner