## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

## OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF NEBCOM, INC.	)	ORDER GRANTING
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE		CERTIFICATE OF
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA	)	<b>AUTHORITY</b>
	)	TC96-198

On December 10, 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 NebCom, Inc. (NebCom).

NebCom proposes to operate as a telecommunications company and provide local exchange service within the state of South Dakota to a small group of residents located in the North Spencer- Bristow exchange (12 customers). A proposed tariff was filed by NebCom. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On December 12, 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 and a regularly scheduled March 4, 1997, meeting, the Commission considered NebCom'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 NebCom has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. NebCom 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 NebCom's application for a certificate of authority. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

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

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 11th day of March, 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
By:	
Date:	PAM NELSON, Commissioner
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	
	LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner

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