

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF) ATCALL, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF) AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE) TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN) SOUTH DAKOTA)	ORDER DENYING CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TC97-018
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On February 24, 1997, 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 ATCALL, Inc. (ATCALL).

ATCALL proposed to become a reseller of interexchange telecommunications services. A proposed tariff was filed by ATCALL. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On February 27, 1997, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of March 14, 1997, to interested individuals and entities. Commission Staff requested additional information from ATCALL on numerous occasions. ATCALL failed to respond to Staff's requests and failed to procure the requisite \$25,000.00 bond.

No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its regularly scheduled June 11, 1998, meeting, the Commission considered ATCALL's 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 an insufficient financial capability.

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

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 19th day of June, 1998.

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.
By: <u><i>Helen Kels</i></u>
Date: <u>6/19/98</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

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