

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
CYPRESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS)
CORPORATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF)
AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN)
SOUTH DAKOTA)

ORDER GRANTING
CERTIFICATE OF
AUTHORITY

TC97-025

On March 12, 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 Cypress Telecommunications Corporation (Cypress).

Cypress is a switch-based reseller of interexchange telecommunications services, including operator-assisted services. Cypress intends to provide intrastate intraLATA and interLATA telecommunications services throughout the state of South Dakota. Cypress does not own, operate, control, or manage transmission facilities in South Dakota. A proposed tariff was filed by Cypress. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On March 13, 1997, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of March 28, 1997, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its regularly scheduled May 13, 1997, meeting, the Commission considered Cypress' 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 Cypress has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Cypress 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 Cypress' application for a certificate of authority. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

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

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 21st day of May, 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.	
By:	<u><i>Heidi Kabo</i></u>
Date:	<u>5/22/97</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner