

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
AMERICA'S TELE-NETWORK CORP. FOR A)
CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN)
SOUTH DAKOTA)

**ORDER GRANTING
CERTIFICATE OF
AUTHORITY**

TC97-037

On April 11, 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 America's Tele-Network Corp. (Applicant).

Applicant will provide interstate, interexchange long distance telephone service using the fiber optic network of Wiltel, Inc. Applicant provides service to commercial enterprises and residential customers. At this time Applicant does not seek authority to provide any form of operator services nor any service to payphones. A proposed tariff was filed by Applicant. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On April 17, 1997, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of May 2, 1997, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its regularly scheduled June 24, 1997, meeting, the Commission considered Applicant'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 Applicant has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Applicant 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 Applicant's application for a certificate of authority. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

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

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 2nd day of July, 1997.

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| 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>Debra Kelsch</u> |
| Date: <u>7/3/97</u> |
| (OFFICIAL SEAL) |

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

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LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner