

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
CALLS FOR LESS, INC. DBA CFL FOR A)
CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN)
SOUTH DAKOTA)

**ORDER GRANTING
CERTIFICATE OF
AUTHORITY**

TC97-091

On June 17, 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 Calls for Less, Inc. dba CFL (CFL).

CFL proposes to operate as a travel and prepaid calling card reseller, and to provide COCOT/COPT service. A proposed tariff was filed by CFL. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On June 19, 1997, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of July 7, 1997, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its regularly scheduled February 24, 1998, meeting, the Commission considered CFL's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority as CFL had furnished the Commission with a surety bond.

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 CFL has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. CFL 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 CFL's application for a certificate of authority. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

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

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 27th day of February, 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>Maureen Kallos</u>
Date: <u>3/2/98</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

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LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner