

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS)
CORP. D/B/A DISCOUNT DIRECT DIALING)
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO)
PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS)
SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA)

ORDER GRANTING
CERTIFICATE OF
AUTHORITY

TC97-141

On August 8, 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 International Telecommunications Corp. d/b/a Discount Direct Dialing (ITC).

ITC is a switchless reseller proposing to provide interstate, interexchange long distance service and intrastate interLATA and intraLATA telecommunications services throughout the state of South Dakota. A proposed tariff was filed by ITC. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On August 21, 1997, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of September 5, 1997, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its regularly scheduled September 25, 1997, meeting, the Commission considered ITC'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 ITC has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. ITC 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 ITC's application for a certificate of authority. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that ITC's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted, effective October 8, 1997. It is

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 3rd day of October, 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>Helen Kaelo</i></u>
Date: <u>10/8/97</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