

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	ORDER GRANTING
LONG DISTANCE OF MICHIGAN, INC., D/B/A)	CERTIFICATE OF
LDMI LONG DISTANCE FOR A CERTIFICATE)	AUTHORITY
OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE)	
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN)	TC97-172
SOUTH DAKOTA)	

On October 27, 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 Long Distance of Michigan, Inc., d/b/a LDMI Long Distance (LDMI).

LDMI proposes to offer outbound telecommunications services to residential and business customers, utilizing switched access. Switched access service is available on a presubscription basis from equal access originating end offices. LDMI will also offer travel card and inbound toll-free services. A proposed tariff was filed by LDMI. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On October 30, 1997, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of November 14, 1997, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its regularly scheduled December 2, 1997, meeting, the Commission considered LDMI's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that LDMI not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission.

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 LDMI has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. LDMI 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 LDMI's application for a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that LDMI not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that LDMI's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted, effective December 27, 1997, subject to the condition that LDMI not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. It is

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 12th day of December, 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>Alaine Kalbs</u>
Date: <u>12/12/97</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