BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF FACILICOM INTERNATIONAL, L.L.C. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA	)))))	ORDER GRANTING CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TC98-015

On February 2, 1998, 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 FaciliCom International, L.L.C. (FCI).

FCI proposes to offer intrastate interexchange service to customers through resale of such services. Those services will include dedicated access service to telecommunications carriers and commercial customers and prepaid card service to and from all points in South Dakota. Future offerings may include direct-dialed message and credit card service offerings. A proposed tariff was filed by FCI. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On February 5, 1998, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of February 20, 1998, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its regularly scheduled June 11, 1998, meeting, the Commission considered FCI'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 FCI has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. FCI 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 FCI's application for a certificate of authority. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

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

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 19th day of June, 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: Delaine Kaebo

Date: 6/19/98

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

PAM NELSON, Commissioner

LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner