

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF )  
TELEPHONE COMPANY OF CENTRAL )  
FLORIDA, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF )  
AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE )  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN )  
SOUTH DAKOTA )

ORDER GRANTING  
CERTIFICATE OF  
AUTHORITY  
  
TC98-003

On January 8, 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 Telephone Company of Central Florida, Inc. (TCCF).

The Company proposes to provide intrastate long distance service in conjunction with its interstate long distance service. The Company plans on offering the following services to its customers: Direct Dial 1+, Inbound Toll Free, Travel Card, Debit Card, Casual Calling, and Directory Assistance. A proposed tariff was filed by TCCF. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On January 8, 1998, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of January 23, 1998, 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 TCCF'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 TCCF has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. TCCF 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 TCCF's application for a certificate of authority. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that TCCF's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted, effective March 8, 1998. It is

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1998.

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| <b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>  |
| 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>Debra Kalbo</i>    </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

    *Laska Schoenfelder*      
LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner