

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	ORDER GRANTING
NET2000 GROUP, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE)	CERTIFICATE OF
OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE)	AUTHORITY
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN)	
SOUTH DAKOTA)	TC98-110

On June 1, 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 Net2000 Group, Inc. (Net2000).

Net2000 seeks authority to operate as a reseller of intraLATA and interLATA intrastate telecommunications services throughout South Dakota and offer such services as 1+ interexchange services, including MTS, private line, WATS, calling card, prepaid calling card, toll free, ISDN and frame relay service products. A proposed tariff was filed by Net2000. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On June 4, 1998, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of June 19, 1998, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its regularly scheduled October 15, 1998, meeting, the Commission considered Net2000's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that Net2000 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 Net2000 has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Net2000 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 Net2000's application for a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that Net2000 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 Net2000's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted, subject to the condition that Net2000 not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. It is

FURTHER ORDERED, that Net2000 shall file informational copies of tariff changes with the Commission as the changes occur.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 21st day of October, 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: Helaine Kalls

Date: 10/22/98

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

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PAM NELSON, Commissioner

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LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner