

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
HJN TELECOM, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF)
AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN)
SOUTH DAKOTA)

ORDER GRANTING
CERTIFICATE OF
AUTHORITY

TC98-120

On June 22, 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 HJN Telecom, Inc. (HJN).

HJN intends to operate as a telecommunications company within the state of South Dakota and proposes to be a reseller of 1+ direct dialing, 800 toll free, and travel card service through facilities provided by facilities-based interexchange carriers. A proposed tariff was filed by HJN. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On June 25, 1998, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of July 10, 1998, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its regularly scheduled July 23, 1998, meeting, the Commission considered HJN'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 HJN has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. HJN 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 HJN's application for a certificate of authority. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that HJN's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted, effective August 22, 1998. It is

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 5th day of August, 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: <u>Delaine Koebes</u>
Date: <u>8/6/98</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