

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

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

ORDER GRANTING
CERTIFICATE OF
AUTHORITY

TC98-138

On July 27, 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 Alliance Group Services, Inc. (Alliance).

Alliance seeks authority to operate as a reseller of intrastate telecommunications services on a statewide basis. Such services include a full range of "1+" services, MTS, out-WATS, in-WATS and calling card services. A proposed tariff was filed by Alliance. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On July 30, 1998, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of August 14, 1998, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its regularly scheduled December 7, 1998, meeting, the Commission considered Alliance'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 Alliance has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Alliance 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 Alliance's application for a certificate of authority. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

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

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 9th day of December, 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><i>Alaine Kels</i></u>
Date: <u>12/10/98</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