

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
TELEGLOBE USA INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE)
OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN)
SOUTH DAKOTA)**

**ORDER GRANTING
CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

TC99-004**

On January 7, 1999, 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 Teleglobe USA Inc. (TUSA).

TUSA proposes to offer switched outbound voice services. With time, TUSA plans to add prepaid and postpaid calling card services, 800/888, private line and data services. A proposed tariff was filed by TUSA. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On January 14, 1999, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of January 29, 1999, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its April 8, 1999, meeting, the Commission considered TUSA's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that TUSA 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 TUSA has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. TUSA 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 TUSA's application for a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that TUSA 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 TUSA's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted, subject to the condition that TUSA not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. It is

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 14th day of April, 1999.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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: _____

Date: _____

JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

PAM NELSON, Commissioner

LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner

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