

Telecommunications Orders - Issued 1999

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CENTURYTEL LONG DISTANCE, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA))))))	ORDER GRANTING AMENDED CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY
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TC99-011

On January 29, 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 CenturyTel Long Distance, Inc. (CenturyTel). CenturyTel proposed to offer resold telecommunications services such as outbound presubscribed and casual calling service, toll free inbound service and travel card service. A proposed tariff was filed by CenturyTel. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive. On February 4, 1999, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of February 19, 1999, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and a April 8, 1999, meeting, the Commission considered CenturyTel's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to CenturyTel furnishing the Commission with a surety bond. CenturyTel requested that the amount of the bond be \$5,000. The Commission granted CenturyTel a certificate of authority, subject to CenturyTel furnishing the Commission with a \$25,000 surety bond.

On May 10, 1999, CenturyTel filed a petition for reconsideration. CenturyTel stated that it had removed debit card service from its proposed tariff and stated that it will not market debit card service in South Dakota.

On June 8, 1999, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission considered this matter. Commission Staff recommended the granting of an amended certificate of authority, subject to restrictions on collecting advance payments, deposits, or marketing debit cards.

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 voted to grant the petition to reconsider the matter. It further voted to grant CenturyTel an amended order granting a certificate of authority, subject to the conditions set forth by Commission Staff. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that CenturyTel's petition for reconsideration is hereby granted. It is

FURTHER ORDERED, that CenturyTel shall be granted an amended certificate of authority, subject to the condition that CenturyTel not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. It is

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 22nd day of June, 1999.

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 facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges

prepaid thereon.

By: _____

Date: _____

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

PAM NELSON, Commissioner

LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner

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