

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

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

ORDER GRANTING  
CERTIFICATE OF  
AUTHORITY

TC99-010

On January 26, 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 Williams Communications, Inc. (Williams).

Williams proposes to offer interexchange switched services and interexchange non-switched, private line services within South Dakota. A proposed tariff was filed by Williams. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On January 28, 1999, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of February 12, 1999, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its June 8, 1999, meeting, the Commission considered Williams' request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority as Williams had furnished the Commission with a surety bond.

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 Williams has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Williams 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 Williams' application for a certificate of authority. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

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

FURTHER ORDERED, that Williams 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 first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.	
By:	<u>Delvin Kales</u>
Date:	<u>6/22/99</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Pam Nelson

PAM NELSON, Commissioner

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LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner