

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
LONG DISTANCE AMERICA, INC. FOR A)
CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN)
SOUTH DAKOTA)**

**ORDER GRANTING
CERTIFICATE OF
AUTHORITY

TC99-037**

On April 15, 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 Long Distance America, Inc. (Long Distance).

Long Distance is a reseller which intends to offer 1+ and, 101XXXX direct outbound dialing, 800/888 toll-free inbound dialing, and travel card service. A proposed tariff was filed by Long Distance. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On April 23, 1999, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of May 7, 1999, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its June 22, 1999, meeting, the Commission considered Long Distance's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that Long Distance 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 Long Distance has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Long Distance 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 Long Distance's application for a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that Long Distance 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 Long Distance's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted, subject to the condition that Long Distance not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. It is

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 25th 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>Debrae Kaabo</u>
Date: <u>6/25/99</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Ram Nelson
RAM NELSON, Commissioner

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LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner