

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF) TELECOMMUNICATIONS RESOURCES, INC.) FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO) PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS) SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA))))))	ORDER DENYING BOND REDUCTION TC99-048
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On April 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 Telecommunications Resources, Inc. (TRI).

TRI intends to initially offer travel card services to business and residential customers. TRI will operate in South Dakota as a switch-based reseller with service being provided through underlying carriers. A proposed tariff was filed by TRI. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On April 29, 1999, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of May 14, 1999, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its October 7, 1999, meeting, the Commission considered TRI's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to TRI furnishing the Commission with a surety bond.

On October 20, 1999, the Commission entered an Order Granting Certificate of Authority to TRI, subject to its furnishing a surety bond. On February 8, 2000, TRI petitioned the Commission to reconsider the surety bond amount of twenty five thousand dollars and lower it to ten thousand dollars. The Commission considered the matter at its February 29, 2000, meeting. TRI appeared via teleconference. Upon considering the position of TRI and Commission Staff, and the Commission being fully informed in these premises, the Commission hereby

ORDERS that the surety bond requirement of twenty five thousand dollars shall remain in effect and that TRI shall furnish same before a Certificate of Authority shall be in effect in South Dakota.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 6th day of March, 2000.

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 Kabis</i></u>
Date: <u>3/8/00</u>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

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LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner