

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF) NETWORK COMMUNICATIONS) INTERNATIONAL CORP. FOR A CERTIFICATE) OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE) TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN) SOUTH DAKOTA)	ORDER GRANTING CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TC99-090
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On August 30, 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 Network Communications International Corp. (NCIC).

NCIC proposes to offer the services of a switchless telecommunications reseller. A proposed tariff was filed by NCIC. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On September 2, 1999, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of September 17, 1999, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its February 29, 2000, meeting, the Commission considered NCIC's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to a continuous \$25,000 surety bond.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31, specifically 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02 and 20:10:24:03. The Commission finds that NCIC has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. NCIC 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 NCIC's application for a certificate of authority, subject to a continuous \$25,000 surety bond. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that NCIC's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted, subject to a continuous \$25,000 surety bond. It is

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

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>Alphine Kalbo</u>
Date: <u>3/8/00</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

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LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner