

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF )</b>	<b>ORDER GRANTING</b>
<b>SMALL BUSINESS BILLING, INC. FOR A )</b>	<b>CERTIFICATE OF</b>
<b>CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE )</b>	<b>AUTHORITY</b>
<b>TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN )</b>	
<b>SOUTH DAKOTA )</b>	<b>TC99-094</b>

On September 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 Small Business Billing, Inc. (SBBI).

SBBI proposes to offer intrastate inbound and outbound long distance telecommunications services within and throughout the state of South Dakota. SBBI is a reseller of such services and is not facilities based. A proposed tariff was filed by SBBI. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On September 16, 1999, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of October 1, 1999, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its November 1, 1999, meeting, the Commission considered SBBI's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that SBBI not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. Commission Staff further recommended a waiver of ARSD 20:10:24:02(8).

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 SBBI has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. SBBI has, in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3, demonstrated sufficient technical, financial and managerial capabilities to offer telecommunications services in South Dakota. Further, the Commission finds that there is good cause to waive ARSD 20:10:24:02(8). The Commission approves SBBI's application for a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that SBBI 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 SBBI's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted, effective November 15, 1999, subject to the condition that SBBI not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. It is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the Commission finds good cause to waive ARSD 20:10:24:02(8). It is

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1999.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>
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>Alaine Kalbo</u>
Date: <u>11/4/99</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