

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	ORDER GRANTING
WEBNET COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR A)	CERTIFICATE OF
CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE)	AUTHORITY
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN)	
SOUTH DAKOTA)	TC99-121

On December 23, 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 WebNet Communications, Inc. (WebNet).

WebNet is a switchless reseller who intends to provide interstate long distance, intrastate interLATA and intraLATA telecommunications services. A proposed tariff was filed by WebNet. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On December 30, 1999, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of January 14, 2000, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its February 15, 2000, meeting, the Commission considered WebNet's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that WebNet 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 SDCL Chapter 49-31, specifically 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02 and 20:10:24:03. The Commission finds that WebNet has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. WebNet 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 WebNet's application for a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that WebNet 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 WebNet's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted effective February 23, 2000, subject to the condition that WebNet 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 WebNet shall file informational copies of tariff changes with the Commission as the changes occur.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 23rd day of February, 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>Arlene Kelbo</i></u>
Date: <u>2/23/00</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

Laska Schoenfelder
LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner