

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
ATLANTIC TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC. FOR)
A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN)
SOUTH DAKOTA)

ORDER GRANTING
CERTIFICATE OF
AUTHORITY

TC99-012

On February 2, 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 Atlantic Telephone Company, Inc. (Atlantic).

Atlantic 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 Atlantic. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On February 4, 1999, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of February 19, 1999, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its regularly scheduled March 9, 1999, meeting, the Commission considered Atlantic's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority.

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 Atlantic has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Atlantic 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 Atlantic's application for a certificate of authority. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that Atlantic's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted, effective April 2, 1999. It is

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 15th day of March, 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>Aldine Kalbo</u>
Date: <u>3/16/99</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