

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	ORDER GRANTING
PROMISE-NET INTERNATIONAL, LTD. FOR A)	CERTIFICATE OF
CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE)	AUTHORITY
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN)	
SOUTH DAKOTA)	TC99-021

On March 8, 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 Promise-Net International, Ltd. (PNI).

PNI proposes to offer switched and dedicated access, inbound and outbound interexchange telecommunications services, including prepaid calling card services. A proposed tariff was filed by PNI. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On March 11, 1999, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of March 26, 1999, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its July 29, 1999, meeting, the Commission considered PNI's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that PNI 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 PNI has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. PNI 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 PNI's application for a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that PNI 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 PNI's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted, subject to the condition that PNI 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 PNI shall file informational copies of tariff changes with the Commission as the changes occur.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 6th day of August, 1999.

<p style="text-align: center;">CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</p> <p>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.</p> <p>By: <u><i>Aladdin Kalbo</i></u></p> <p>Date: <u>8/6/99</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

Laska Schoenfelder
LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner