

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
CONVERGENT COMMUNICATIONS)
SERVICES, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF)
AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN)
SOUTH DAKOTA)

ORDER GRANTING
CERTIFICATE OF
AUTHORITY

TC99-060

On June 11, 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 Convergent Communications Services, Inc. (CCSI).

CCSI proposes to offer 1+ and 101XXXX direct outbound dialing, 800/888 toll free inbound dialing and travel card service. A proposed tariff was filed by CCSI. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On June 17, 1999, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of July 2, 1999, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its September 8, 1999, meeting, the Commission considered CCSI's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that CCSI not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission.

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 CCSI has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. CCSI 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 CCSI's application for a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that CCSI 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 CCSI's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted, subject to the condition that CCSI not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. It is

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 14th day of September, 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>Helaine Kaebo</u>
Date:	<u>9/14/99</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