

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF )  
NATEL, LLC FOR A CERTIFICATE OF )  
AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE INTEREXCHANGE )  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN )  
SOUTH DAKOTA )

ORDER GRANTING  
CERTIFICATE OF  
AUTHORITY  
  
TC00-069

On April 11, 2000, 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 Natel, LLC (Natel).

Natel proposes to provide long distance telecommunications services over resold transmission facilities throughout South Dakota. A proposed tariff was filed by Natel. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On April 13, 2000, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of April 28, 2000, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its November 30, 2000, meeting, the Commission considered Natel's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that Natel 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 SDCL Chapter 49-31, specifically 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02 and 20:10:24:03. The Commission finds that Natel has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Natel 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 Natel's application for a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that Natel 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 Natel's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted, subject to the condition that Natel not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. It is

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2000.

<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><i>Alaine Kello</i></u>
Date: <u>12/7/00</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