

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
TELCORP LTD. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF)
AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN)
SOUTH DAKOTA)**

**ORDER GRANTING
CERTIFICATE OF
AUTHORITY**

TC00-120

On August 9, 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 Telcorp, Ltd. (Telcorp).

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

On August 10, 2000, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of August 25, 2000, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its September 13, 2000, meeting, the Commission considered Telcorp'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 SDCL Chapter 49-31, specifically 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02 and 20:10:24:03. The Commission finds that Telcorp has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Telcorp 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 Telcorp's application for a certificate of authority. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that Telcorp's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted, effective October 9, 2000. It is

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 19th day of September, 2000.

<p>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: _____</p> <p>Date: _____</p> <p style="text-align:center">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

PAM NELSON, Commissioner

LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner