

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	ORDER GRANTING
NEXTLINK LONG DISTANCE SERVICES, INC.)	CERTIFICATE OF
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO)	AUTHORITY
PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS)	
SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA)	TC99-102

On October 25, 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 NEXTLINK Long Distance Services, Inc. (NEXTLINK).

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

On October 28, 1999, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of November 12, 1999, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its January 18, 2000, meeting, the Commission considered NEXTLINK's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to a continuous \$25,000 surety bond. 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 SDCL Chapter 49-31, specifically 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02 and 20:10:24:03. The Commission finds that NEXTLINK has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. NEXTLINK 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 NEXTLINK's application for a certificate of authority, subject to a continuous \$25,000 surety bond. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that NEXTLINK's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted, subject to a continuous \$25,000 surety bond. It is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the Commission finds good cause to waive ARSD 20:10:24:02(8). It is

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 26th day of January, 2000.

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.

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(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

PAM NELSON, Commissioner

LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner