

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

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

ORDER GRANTING
CERTIFICATE OF
AUTHORITY

TC00-008

On February 8, 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 United Communications HUB, Inc. (UCHUB).

UCHUB is a non-facilities-based interexchange telecommunications resale provider proposing to offer "1 Plus," 800, travel card and dedicated interexchange telecommunications services throughout the state of South Dakota. A proposed tariff was filed by UCHUB. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On February 10, 2000, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of February 25, 2000, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its March 14, 2000, meeting, the Commission considered UCHUB's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that UCHUB 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 UCHUB has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. UCHUB 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 UCHUB's application for a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that UCHUB 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 UCHUB's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted, effective April 8, 2000, subject to the condition that UCHUB not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. It is

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 20th day of March, 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.	
By:	<u>Melanie Kalbo</u>
Date:	<u>3/22/00</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