

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

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

ORDER GRANTING
CERTIFICATE OF
AUTHORITY

TC00-015

On February 14, 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 Shared Communications Services, Inc. (SCS).

SCS proposes to offer interLATA and intraLATA switched message toll service, 800 service, and calling card services. SCS will also offer travel cards, directory assistance, and operator services to its presubscribed customers. These services will be offered to residential and business customers as a non-facilities based switchless reseller. A proposed tariff was filed by SCS. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On February 17, 2000, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of March 3, 2000, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its May 17, 2000, meeting, the Commission considered SCS'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 SCS has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. SCS 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 SCS's application for a certificate of authority. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that SCS's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted. It is

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 23rd day of May, 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><i>Delaine Kolbo</i></u>
Date: <u><i>5/25/00</i></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 SCHØENFELDER, Commissioner