

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF) ENHANCED COMMUNICATIONS GROUP,) L.L.C. D/B/A ECG, L.L.C. FOR A CERTIFICATE) OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE) TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN) SOUTH DAKOTA)	ORDER GRANTING CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TC00-070
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On April 12, 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 Enhanced Communications Group, L.L.C. d/b/a ECG, L.L.C. (ECG).

ECG proposes to offer resold intrastate long distance service on a statewide basis. A proposed tariff was filed by ECG. 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 June 20, 2000, meeting, the Commission considered ECG's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that ECG not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. 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 ECG has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. ECG 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 ECG's application for a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that ECG 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 ECG's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted, subject to the condition that ECG not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. It is

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

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 28th day of June, 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>Helaine Kelbo</u>
Date:	<u>6/29/00</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