

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF) SIESTA TELECOM, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE) OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE) TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN) SOUTH DAKOTA)	ORDER DENYING CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TC00-072
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On April 17, 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 Siesta Telecom, Inc. (Siesta).

Siesta proposes to offer 1+ and 101XXXX direct outbound dialing, 800/888 toll-free inbound dialing, travel card service, and prepaid calling card service. A proposed tariff was filed by Siesta. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On April 20, 2000, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of May 5, 2000, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. At its regularly scheduled June 20, 2000, meeting, the Commission considered Siesta's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended denying the certificate of authority and closing the docket as Siesta was not financially capable of providing telecommunications services.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Chapter 49-31, specifically 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02 and 20:10:24:03. The Commission finds that Siesta has not met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Siesta has not, in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3, demonstrated sufficient technical, financial and managerial capabilities to offer telecommunications services in South Dakota. The Commission voted to deny Siesta's application for a certificate of authority. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that Siesta's application for a certificate of authority is hereby denied.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 29th 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><i>Helaine Kalbo</i></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