

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF )	ORDER AMENDING
AMERICATEL CORPORATION, D/B/A 10 123 )	CERTIFICATE OF
AMERICATEL AND 1010 123 AMERICATEL TO )	AUTHORITY
AMEND ITS CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO )	
OFFER PREPAID CALLING CARDS )	TC00-137

On September 21, 2000, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a request from Americatel Corporation, d/b/a 10 123 Americatel and 1010 123 Americatel (Americatel) to amend its certificate of authority to provide telecommunications services in South Dakota. Americatel's certificate of authority was subject to the condition that it not offer a prepaid calling card or require advance payments or deposits without prior approval of the Commission. Americatel is now requesting that the certificate of authority be amended to allow it to offer these services. Americatel is offering to post a bond in the amount of \$25,000 as a condition of such amendment.

On September 28, 2000, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of October 13, 2000, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its regularly scheduled January 4, 2001, meeting, the Commission considered Americatel's request for an amended certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting an amended certificate of authority, subject to Americatel posting a bond in the amount of \$25,000.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31, specifically 49-31-3. The Commission voted to approve Americatel's application for an amended certificate of authority, subject to the condition that it post a bond in the amount of \$25,000 to ensure its compliance with South Dakota law and to reimburse customers in South Dakota for any prepayments or deposits they have made which Americatel may be unable or unwilling to return to said customers as a result of insolvency or other business failure. It is therefore

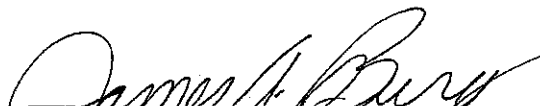
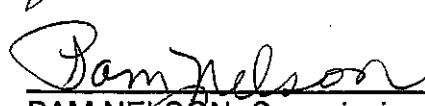
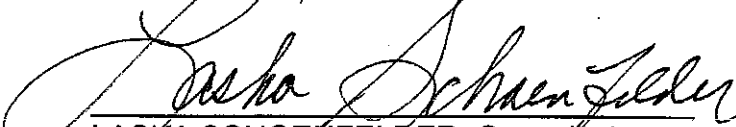
ORDERED, that Americatel's application for an amended certificate of authority to provide telecommunications services is granted, subject to the condition that Americatel post a bond in the amount of \$25,000 for the purposes stated above; and it is

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2001.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>
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 facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.
By: <u><i>Debra Kelsa</i></u>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

 _____ JAMES A. BURG, Chairman
 _____ PAM NELSON, Commissioner
 _____ LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner