

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF )</b>	<b>ORDER GRANTING</b>
<b>ENCOMPASS COMMUNICATIONS, L.L.C. FOR )</b>	<b>CERTIFICATE OF</b>
<b>A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE )</b>	<b>AUTHORITY</b>
<b>INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS )</b>	
<b>SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA )</b>	<b>TC00-188</b>

On November 21, 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 Encompass Communications, L.L.C. (Encompass).

Encompass proposes to provide interexchange services, including 1+ and 101XXXX outbound dialing, 800/888 toll-free inbound dialing, directory assistance, data services, travel card service, and prepaid calling card service. A proposed tariff was filed by Encompass. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On November 23, 2000, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of December 8, 2000, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its January 4, 2001, meeting, the Commission considered Encompass' request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to a continuous \$25,000 surety bond. 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 Encompass has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Encompass 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 Encompass' application for a certificate of authority, subject to a continuous \$25,000 surety bond. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

**ORDERED**, that Encompass' application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted, effective January 21, 2001, subject to a continuous \$25,000 surety bond. It is

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

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 10th day of January, 2001.

**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: Melaine Kalbo

Date: 1/12/01

(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