

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ) NOW COMMUNICATIONS OF SOUTH ) DAKOTA, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ) AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE INTEREXCHANGE ) TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES AND ) LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICES IN SOUTH ) DAKOTA )	ORDER PERMITTING WITHDRAWAL OF APPLICATION AND CLOSING DOCKET  TC00-201
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On December 12, 2000, NOW Communications of South Dakota, Inc. (NOW) filed an application with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for a certificate of authority to operate as a telecommunications company within the state of South Dakota.

On January 29, 2001, NOW requested that its application for a certificate of authority be withdrawn.

At its regularly scheduled February 6, 2001, meeting, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-31-3 and ARSD Chapter 20:10:24. The Commission found that NOW's request to withdraw its request for a certificate of authority is reasonable and closed the docket. It is therefore

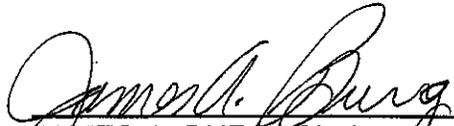
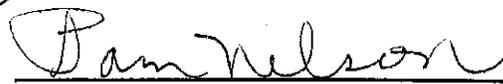
ORDERED, that NOW shall be permitted to withdraw its request for a certificate of authority, and it is further

ORDERED, that this docket is closed.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 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>Melanie Kelso</u>
Date: <u>2/14/01</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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