

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ) CONTINENTAL FIRST STAR ) COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY FOR A ) CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE ) LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICES IN SOUTH ) DAKOTA )	ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION  TC01-019
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On March 5, 2001, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an Application for a certificate of authority from Continental First Star Communications Company to provide resold local exchange service throughout South Dakota.

On March 8, 2001, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of March 23, 2001, to interested individuals and entities. South Dakota Independent Telephone Coalition, Inc. (SDITC) filed a Petition to Intervene on March 20, 2001.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-31 and ARSD 20:10:01:15.05.

At a regularly scheduled meeting of April 17, 2001, the Commission found that the Petition to Intervene was timely filed and demonstrated good cause to grant intervention. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Petition to Intervene of SDITC is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 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>Helaine Kalbo</u>
Date: <u>4/24/01</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
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JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

  
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PAM NELSON, Commissioner