

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
WORKING ASSETS FUNDING SERVICE, INC.)
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO)
PROVIDE INTEREXCHANGE)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN)
SOUTH DAKOTA)

ORDER GRANTING
CERTIFICATE OF
AUTHORITY

TC01-023

On March 8, 2001, 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 Working Assets Funding Service, Inc. (Working Assets).

Working Assets is a reseller who is currently providing interexchange services in South Dakota. A proposed tariff was filed by Working Assets. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On March 15, 2001, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of March 30, 2001, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its May 8, 2001, meeting, the Commission considered Working Assets' request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority.

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 Working Assets has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Working Assets has, in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3, demonstrated sufficient technical, financial and managerial capabilities to offer telecommunications services in South Dakota. The Commission approves Working Assets' application for a certificate of authority. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that Working Assets' application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted.
It is

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 14th day of May, 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: <u>Debra Kaelbo</u>
Date: <u>5/15/01</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner