

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
GLOBAL CREST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.)
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO)
PROVIDE INTEREXCHANGE)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN)
SOUTH DAKOTA)

ORDER GRANTING
CERTIFICATE OF
AUTHORITY

TC01-056

On June 7, 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 Global Crest Communications, Inc. (Global Crest).

Global Crest proposes to offer resold 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 Global Crest. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On June 14, 2001, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of June 29, 2001, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its October 10, 2001, meeting, the Commission considered Global Crest's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that Global Crest not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission.

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 Global Crest has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Global Crest 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 Global Crest's application for a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that Global Crest not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that Global Crest's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted, subject to the condition that Global Crest not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. It is

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 18th day of October, 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: 10/22/01

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

 James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

 Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner