

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
NETWORK US, INC. D/B/A CA AFFINITY FOR)
A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE)
INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS)
SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA)

ORDER GRANTING
CERTIFICATE OF
AUTHORITY

TC01-057

On June 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 Network US, Inc. d/b/a CA Affinity (Affinity).

Affinity proposes to offer message toll service, incoming 800/888 and travel card services. A proposed tariff was filed by Affinity. 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 July 10, 2001, meeting, the Commission considered Affinity's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that Affinity 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 Affinity has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Affinity 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 Affinity's application for a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that Affinity 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 Affinity's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted, effective August 7, 2001, subject to the condition that Affinity not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. It is

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 12th day of July, 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: *Reidine Kaelbo*

Date: 7/13/01

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner