

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

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

**ORDER GRANTING
CERTIFICATE OF
AUTHORITY**

TC01-074

On June 26, 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 Frontier Communications of America, Inc. (Frontier).

Frontier proposes to offer resold telecommunications services, including direct dialed (1+), toll-free, calling card and operator assisted services throughout South Dakota. A proposed tariff was filed by Frontier. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On June 28, 2001, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of July 13, 2001, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its September 7, 2001, meeting, the Commission considered Frontier's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that Frontier 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 Frontier has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Frontier 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 Frontier's application for a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that Frontier 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 Frontier's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted, subject to the condition that Frontier not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. It is

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 14th day of September, 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: *Nelsine Kelso*

Date: 9/14/01

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner