

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

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

**ORDER GRANTING  
CERTIFICATE OF  
AUTHORITY**

**TC01-089**

On July 2, 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 World Communications Satellite Systems, Inc. (World).

World proposes to offer resold long distance service, primarily 1+ equal access calling, calling cards and toll free access calling. A proposed tariff was filed by World. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On July 5, 2001, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of July 20, 2001, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its August 16, 2001, meeting, the Commission considered World's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that World not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. Commission Staff further recommended a waiver of ARSD 20:10:24:02(8).

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 World has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. World has, in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3, demonstrated sufficient technical, financial and managerial capabilities to offer telecommunications services in South Dakota. Further, the Commission finds that there is good cause to waive ARSD 20:10:24:02(8). The Commission approves World's application for a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that World 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 World's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted, effective September 1, 2001, subject to the condition that World not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. It is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the Commission finds good cause to waive ARSD 20:10:24:02(8). It is

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of August, 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 first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.
By: <u><i>Hilaine Kelbo</i></u>
Date: <u>8/23/01</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

*James A. Burg*  
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

*Pam Nelson*  
PAM NELSON, Commissioner