

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	ORDER GRANTING
TELECOM EZ CORP. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF)	CERTIFICATE OF
AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE INTEREXCHANGE)	AUTHORITY
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN)	
SOUTH DAKOTA)	TC01-150

On September 17, 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 TelecomEZ Corp. (TelecomEZ).

TelecomEZ proposes to offer a full range of "1+" interexchange telecommunications services on a resale basis. Specifically, TelecomEZ seeks authority to provide MTS, in-WATS, out-WATS, and Calling Card services. A proposed tariff was filed by TelecomEZ. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On September 20, 2001, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of October 5, 2001, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its November 27, 2001, meeting, the Commission considered TelecomEZ's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that TelecomEZ 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 TelecomEZ has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. TelecomEZ 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 TelecomEZ's application for a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that TelecomEZ 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 TelecomEZ's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted, subject to the condition that TelecomEZ not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. It is

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 5th day of December, 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: Alvin Kels

Date: 12/7/01

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner