

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

IN THE MATTER OF JATO OPERATING TWO)	FINDINGS OF FACT,
CORP.'S FAILURE TO SUBMIT A REPORT)	CONCLUSIONS OF LAW
AND PAY THE GROSS RECEIPTS TAX)	AND FINAL ORDER; NOTICE
)	OF ENTRY OF FINAL
)	ORDER
)	TC01-173

On November 7, 2001, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) issued an Order for and Notice of Show Cause Hearing against JATO Operating Two Corp. (JATO) for failure to submit an annual report and pay the gross receipts tax. The hearing was held as scheduled on December 12, 2001, at 3:00 P.M., in the Cactus Conference Room, State Capitol Building, 500 E. Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota. The reason for the hearing was to give JATO an opportunity to show cause why the Commission should not revoke its Certificate of Authority, or other specified actions, for failure to submit an annual report as required by ARSD 20:10:24:04 or pay the gross receipts tax as required by SDCL 49-1A-1. Commissioners Burg and Nelson were present. Also present were Karen E. Cremer, Commission Staff Attorney and Sue Cichos, Deputy Executive Director for the Commission. No representative of JATO appeared at the hearing. After hearing the testimony, the Commission voted unanimously to revoke JATO's Certificate of Authority for failure to file the gross receipts tax report.

The Commission, having heard the testimony presented at the hearing, makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. JATO is a telecommunications company holding a Certificate of Authority, issued by this Commission, to provide telecommunications services in South Dakota.
2. Sue Cichos, Deputy Executive Director for the Commission, sent letters to JATO on May 3, 2001 and July 13, 2001, requesting payment of the gross receipts tax as authorized by SDCL 49-1A-1. She testified that JATO never filed its gross receipts tax report.
3. A copy of the Order for and Notice of Show Cause Hearing was sent by certified mail to JATO on November 8, 2001.
4. No representative of JATO appeared at the hearing to show cause why the Commission should not revoke its Certificate of Authority.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-1A-3, 49-1A-4, 49-1A-5, 49-1A-6, and 49-31-3.
2. Pursuant to 49-1A-3, the Commission assesses a tax of .0015 or \$250, whichever is greater, on the annual intrastate gross receipts received by a telecommunications company from the company's customers within the state of South Dakota. Pursuant to 49-1A-5, the tax is due on June first of each year.

3. JATO has failed to file the gross receipts tax report.

4. The Commission has the authority, under SDCL 49-31-3, to suspend or revoke a Certificate of Authority granted to a company for a willful violation of the laws of this state. Based on the failure of JATO to file the gross receipts tax report in violation of 49-1A-4, the Commission revokes JATO's Certificate of Authority.

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is therefore

ORDERED, that the Certificate of Authority granted to JATO by this Commission is hereby revoked and shall be returned to the Commission within thirty (30) days from the date of this Order.

NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that this Order was duly entered on the 20th day of December, 2001. Pursuant to SDCL 1-26-32, this Order will take effect 10 days after the date of receipt or failure to accept delivery of the decision by the parties.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 20th 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 facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.	
By:	<u>Alaine Kalbs</u>
Date:	<u>12/21/01</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner