

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF) SONIX4U, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF) AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE INTEREXCHANGE) TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN) SOUTH DAKOTA)	ORDER GRANTING CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TC01-143
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On August 29, 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 Sonix4U, Inc. (Sonix4U).

Sonix4U proposes to offer interexchange telecommunications services in South Dakota. A proposed tariff was filed by Sonix4U. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On August 30, 2001, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of September 14, 2001, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its May 9, 2002, meeting, the Commission considered Sonix4U's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that Sonix4U not offer a prepaid calling card or require or accept 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 Sonix4U has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Sonix4U 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 Sonix4U's application for a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that Sonix4U not offer a prepaid calling card or require or accept deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that Sonix4U's application for a certificate of authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services is hereby granted, subject to the condition that Sonix4U not offer a prepaid calling card or require or accept deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. It is

FURTHER ORDERED, that Sonix4U shall file informational copies of tariff changes with the Commission as the changes occur.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 16th day of May, 2002.

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: Alaine Kolbo

Date: 5/17/02

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

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PAM NELSON, Commissioner

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