

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
NATIONAL DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE, LLC)
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO)
PROVIDE INTEREXCHANGE)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN)
SOUTH DAKOTA)**

**ORDER GRANTING
CERTIFICATE OF
AUTHORITY**

TC02-034

On April 10, 2002, 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 National Directory Assistance, LLC (NDA).

NDA proposes to offer inbound, outbound, conference, directory assistance, calling card, prepaid calling card, and private line services to presubscribed business and residential customers. A proposed tariff was filed by NDA. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On April 11, 2002, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of April 26, 2002, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its May 30, 2002, meeting, the Commission considered NDA's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that NDA 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 NDA has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. NDA 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 NDA's application for a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that NDA 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 NDA's application for a certificate of authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services is hereby granted, effective June 10, 2002, subject to the condition that NDA 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 NDA shall file informational copies of tariff changes with the Commission as the changes occur.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 7th day of June, 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: Melaine Kalbo

Date: 6/11/02

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

Robert K. Sahr
ROBERT K. SAHR, Commissioner