

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	ORDER GRANTING
MIKO TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.)	CERTIFICATE OF
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO)	AUTHORITY
PROVIDE INTEREXCHANGE)	
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN)	TC03-039
SOUTH DAKOTA)	

On January 24, 2003, 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 Miko Telephone Communications, Inc. (Miko).

Miko proposes to provide 1+ long distance and calling card service to residential customers on a resale basis. A proposed tariff was filed by Miko. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On January 30, 2003, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of February 14, 2003, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its March 4, 2003, meeting, the Commission considered Miko's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that Miko not offer a prepaid calling card or require or accept 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 Miko has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Miko 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 Miko's application for a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that Miko 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 Miko's application for a certificate of authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services is hereby granted effective March 26, 2003, subject to the condition that Miko 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 the Commission waives ARSD 20:10:24:02(8). It is

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 7th day of March, 2003.

<p style="text-align: center;">CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</p> <p>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.</p> <p>By: <u><i>Delaine Kalbo</i></u></p> <p>Date: <u><i>3/11/03</i></u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Robert K. Sahr

ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner

James A. Burg

JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner