

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF )</b>	<b>ORDER GRANTING</b>
<b>R2C COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR A )</b>	<b>CERTIFICATE OF</b>
<b>CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE )</b>	<b>AUTHORITY</b>
<b>INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS )</b>	
<b>SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA )</b>	<b>TC03-169</b>

On August 28, 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 R2C Communications, Inc. (R2C Communications).

R2C Communications proposes to provide resold interexchange telecommunications services, including direct and dial around, toll free inbound, directory assistance, data, travel card and prepaid calling card services. A proposed tariff was filed by R2C Communications. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On September 4, 2003, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of September 19, 2003, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its October 16, 2003, meeting, the Commission considered R2C Communications' request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that R2C Communications 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 R2C Communications has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. R2C Communications 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 R2C Communications' application for a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that R2C Communications 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 R2C Communications' application for a certificate of authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services is hereby granted, effective October 28, 2003, subject to the condition that R2C Communications 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 R2C Communications shall file informational copies of tariff changes with the Commission as the changes occur.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2003.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>
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: <u>Helaine Kalbo</u>
Date: <u>10/30/03</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Robert K. Sahr  
ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

James A. Burg  
JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner