

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	ORDER GRANTING
WDT WORLD DISCOUNT)	CERTIFICATE OF
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CO. FOR A)	AUTHORITY
CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE)	
INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS)	TC03-185
SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA)	

On October 15, 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 WDT World Discount Telecommunications Co. (WDT).

WDT proposes to offer resold interexchange service, including 1+ and 101XXXX outbound dialing, 800/888 toll-free inbound dialing, directory assistance, data services and travel card services throughout South Dakota. A proposed tariff was filed by WDT. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On October 16, 2003, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of October 31, 2003, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its December 2, 2003, meeting, the Commission considered WDT's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that WDT 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 WDT has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. WDT 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 WDT's application for a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that WDT 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 WDT's application for a certificate of authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services is hereby granted, effective December 15, 2003, subject to the condition that WDT 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 WDT shall file informational copies of tariff changes with the Commission as the changes occur.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 17th day of December, 2003.

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: <u><i>Rebecca Kolbo</i></u>
Date: <u>12/19/03</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