

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

IN THE MATTER OF CARIBBEAN TELEPHONE) AND TELEGRAPH d/b/a THE LONG DISTANCE) COMPANY'S FAILURE TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL) REPORT PURSUANT TO ARSD 20:10:24:04.))	ORDER GRANTING CONTINUANCE TC96-149
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ARSD 20:10:24:04, promulgated pursuant to SDCL §49-31-5 and §49-31-7.1(4), requires that any telecommunications company registered with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) submit on May 1 of each year a report of certain, specified financial and business information from the preceding calendar year.

Despite a reminder letter from the Commission on March 15, 1996, and a second reminder reflecting the possibility of a Show Cause Order on May 31, 1996, Caribbean Telephone and Telegraph d/b/a The Long Distance Company (CT&T) has failed to file such annual report as required by ARSD 20:10:24:04.

At its regularly scheduled July 9, 1996, meeting, the Commission considered whether to issue an Order to Show Cause as to why the Commission should not revoke CT&T's Certificate of Authority for failure to file an annual report. CT&T asked for an extension to July 24, 1996. The Commission voted to grant the requested extension. That extended deadline has since passed without the filing of the required report.

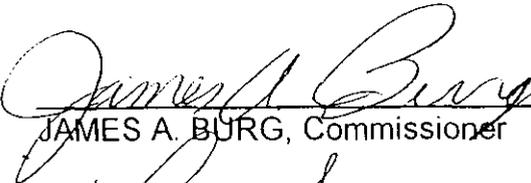
The Commission has been informed that CT&T has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in United States Bankruptcy Court on April 5, 1996. By a letter dated April 23, 1996, CT&T asked for a temporary suspension of any filing requirements. The Commission wishes to avoid interfering with the powers of the Bankruptcy Court. It is therefore

ORDERED, a continuance will be granted in this matter, until such time as the Commission determines that proceeding further will not interfere with the powers of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 14th day of August, 1996.

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 facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.	
By:	<u>Debra Kalko</u>
Date:	<u>8/15/96</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

 _____ JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner	 _____ LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner
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