

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF )  
COMCAST TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. )  
D/B/A COMCAST LONG DISTANCE FOR A )  
CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE )  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN )  
SOUTH DAKOTA )

ORDER GRANTING  
CERTIFICATE OF  
AUTHORITY

TC98-102

On May 26, 1998, 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 Comcast Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a Comcast Long Distance (Comcast).

Comcast proposes to offer MTS, out-WATS, debit card and calling card services. A proposed tariff was filed by Comcast. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On May 28, 1998, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of June 12, 1998, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its regularly scheduled July 23, 1998, meeting, the Commission considered Comcast's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Chapter 49-31, specifically 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02 and 20:10:24:03. The Commission finds that Comcast has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Comcast 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 Comcast's application for a certificate of authority. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that Comcast's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted. It is

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1998.

**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: *Alvin Kalbs*

Date: 8/6/98

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

*James A. Burg*  
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

*Pam Nelson*  
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

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LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner