

**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>TOTAL CALL INTERNATIONAL, 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>TC01-050</b>

On May 14, 2001, 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 Total Call International, Inc. (Total Call).

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

On May 17, 2001, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of June 1, 2001, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its August 16, 2001, meeting, the Commission considered Total Call's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that Total Call not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission.

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 Total Call has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Total Call 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 Total Call's application for a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that Total Call not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

**ORDERED**, that Total Call's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted, subject to the condition that Total Call not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. It is

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2001.

**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: *Delaine Kales*

Date: *8/23/01*

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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

*Pam Nelson*  
PAM NELSON, Commissioner