

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF) WESTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS, LLC FOR) A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE) INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS) SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA)	ORDER GRANTING CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TC01-195
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On December 21, 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 Weston Telecommunications, LLC (Weston).

Weston proposes to offer a full range of 1+ interexchange telecommunications services on a resale basis. A proposed tariff was filed by Weston. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On December 27, 2001, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of January 11, 2002, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its January 24, 2002, meeting, the Commission considered Weston's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that Weston not offer a prepaid calling card or require 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 Weston has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Weston 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 Weston's application for a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that Weston 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 Weston's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted, effective February 21, 2002, subject to the condition that Weston not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. It is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the Commission finds good cause to waive ARSD 20:10:24:02(8). It is

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 31st day of January, 2002.

<p style="text-align: center;">CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</p> <p>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.</p> <p>By: <u><i>Alaine Kalbs</i></u></p> <p>Date: <u><i>2/1/02</i></u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

Robert K. Sahr
ROBERT K. SAHR, Commissioner