

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF) ORDER CLOSING DOCKET
VISTA COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR A)
CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE) TC97-173
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN)
SOUTH DAKOTA)

On October 31, 1997, 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 Vista Communications, Inc. (Vista).

Vista proposed to offer "a full range of 1+ interexchange telecommunications services on a resale basis. . . [and] to provide MTS, out-WATS, in-WATS and Calling Card Services." Vista did not propose to provide operator services, 900 or 700 services. A proposed tariff was filed by Vista. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On November 6, 1997, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of November 21, 1997, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On July 24, 1998, the Commission received a request from Vista seeking to withdraw its application for a certificate of authority.

On August 4, 1998, at a duly noticed meeting, the Commission considered Vista's request to withdraw its application for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting Vista's request to withdraw its application for 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 Vista's request to withdraw its application for a certificate of authority is reasonable and unanimously voted to close the docket. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Docket TC97-173 is hereby closed.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 14th 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 facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.
By: <u><i>Alaine Koelke</i></u>
Date: <u>8/14/98</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

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LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner