

Telecommunications Orders - Issued 1997

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF THE PHONCO, INC. D/B/A NETWORK SERVICES LONG DISTANCE FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA)	ORDER GRANTING CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TC96-182
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On November 18, 1996, 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 The Phonco, Inc. d/b/a Network Services Long Distance (Phonco).

Phonco, a switchless reseller, intends to offer 1+ direct dialing, 800 toll free, travel card, and prepaid calling card service through the resale of telephone services provided by facilities-based interexchange carriers. A proposed tariff was filed by Phonco. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On November 21, 1996, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of December 6, 1996, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and a regularly scheduled December 31, 1996, meeting, the Commission considered Phonco's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that Phonco 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 Chapter 49-31, specifically 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02 and 20:10:24:03. The Commission finds that Phonco has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Phonco 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 Phonco's application for a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that Phonco 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 Phonco's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted, effective January 18, 1997, subject to the condition that Phonco not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. It is

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 3rd day of January, 1997.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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.

KENNETH STOFFERAHN, Chairman

By: _____

JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner

Date: _____

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LASKA SCHOENFELDER,
Commissioner

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