

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
CALL PLUS, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF)
AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN)
SOUTH DAKOTA)

ORDER GRANTING
CERTIFICATE OF
AUTHORITY

TC97-106

On June 20, 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 Call Plus, Inc. (Call Plus).

Call Plus is a switchless reseller which intends to offer 1+ direct dialing, 800 toll free and travel card service (not prepaid calling cards) through the resale of telephone services provided by facilities-based interexchange carriers. A proposed tariff was filed by Call Plus. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On June 26, 1997, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of July 11, 1997, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its regularly scheduled August 18, 1997, meeting, the Commission considered Call Plus' 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 Call Plus has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Call Plus 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 Call Plus' application for a certificate of authority. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that Call Plus' application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted effective August 20, 1997. It is

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 27th day of August, 1997.

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: <u><i>Delvin Kalbo</i></u>
Date: <u>9/2/97</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