

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF )  
TELECENTS COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR A )  
CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE )  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN )  
SOUTH DAKOTA )**

**ORDER GRANTING  
CERTIFICATE OF  
AUTHORITY  
  
TC00-076**

On May 2, 2000, 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 TeleCents Communications, Inc. (TeleCents).

TeleCents intends to offer resold interexchange services, 1+ and 101XXXX direct outbound dialing, 800/888 toll-free inbound dialing, travel card service and prepaid calling card service. A proposed tariff was filed by TeleCents. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On May 4, 2000, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of May 19, 2000, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its July 13, 2000, meeting, the Commission considered TeleCents' request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority. 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 TeleCents has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. TeleCents 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 TeleCents' application for a certificate of authority. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that TeleCents' application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted. It is

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

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 20th day of July, 2000.

**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.

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

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PAM NELSON, Commissioner

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LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner