

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	ORDER GRANTING
RAPTEL COMMUNICATIONS, LLC FOR A)	CERTIFICATE OF
CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE)	AUTHORITY
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN)	
SOUTH DAKOTA)	TC00-092

On June 13, 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 RapTel Communications, LLC (RapTel).

RapTel proposes to acquire and resell various voice and data communications services offered by interexchange carriers, and to package and provide these services for the specialized functions and needs of its customers. A proposed tariff was filed by RapTel. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On June 15, 2000, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of June 30, 2000, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its September 26, 2000, meeting, the Commission considered RapTel's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that RapTel 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 RapTel has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. RapTel 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 subparagraph (8) of ARSD 20:10:24:02. The Commission approves RapTel's application for a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that RapTel 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 RapTel's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted, subject to the condition that RapTel 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 RapTel shall file informational copies of tariff changes with the Commission as the changes occur.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 29th day of September, 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.	
By:	<u><i>Delaine Kalbs</i></u>
Date:	<u>9/29/00</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

Laska Schoenfelder
LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner