

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

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

ORDER GRANTING
CERTIFICATE OF
AUTHORITY

TC00-123

On August 16, 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 WorkNet Communications Inc. (WorkNet).

WorkNet proposes to provide facilities based and resold interexchange services in South Dakota. Services include 1+ direct dial and toll free service to and from all points within South Dakota. A proposed tariff was filed by WorkNet. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On August 17, 2000, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of September 1, 2000, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its October 3, 2000, meeting, the Commission considered WorkNet's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that WorkNet 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 SDCL Chapter 49-31, specifically 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02 and 20:10:24:03. The Commission finds that WorkNet has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. WorkNet 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 WorkNet's application for a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that WorkNet 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 WorkNet's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted, effective October 16, 2000, subject to the condition that WorkNet not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. It is

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 6th day of October, 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>Aldine Kelbo</i></u>
Date:	<u>10/10/00</u>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Vice Chairman

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LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner