

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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

ORDER GRANTING
CERTIFICATE OF
AUTHORITY

TC00-198

On December 4, 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 ALLTEL Communications, Inc. (ALLTEL).

ALLTEL proposes to offer resold intrastate, interstate and international long distance service, including calling cards. A proposed tariff was filed by ALLTEL. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On December 7, 2000, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of December 22, 2000, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its March 6, 2001, meeting, the Commission considered ALLTEL's 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 SDCL Chapter 49-31, specifically 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02 and 20:10:24:03. The Commission finds that ALLTEL has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. ALLTEL 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 ALLTEL's application for a certificate of authority. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

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

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 9th day of March, 2001.

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:

Debbie Kalbs

Date:

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner