

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ) THREE RIVER TELCO D/B/A THREE RIVER ) LONG DISTANCE FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ) AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE INTEREXCHANGE ) TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN ) SOUTH DAKOTA )	ORDER GRANTING CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY  TC01-061
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On June 13, 2001, 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 Three River Telco d/b/a Three River Long Distance (Three River).

Three River proposes to offer switched and dedicated interexchange services and "1+" long distance communications services suitable for voice and limited data applications. A proposed tariff was filed by Three River. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On June 14, 2001, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of June 29, 2001, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its July 24, 2001, meeting, the Commission considered Three River'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 Three River has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Three River 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 Three River's application for a certificate of authority. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

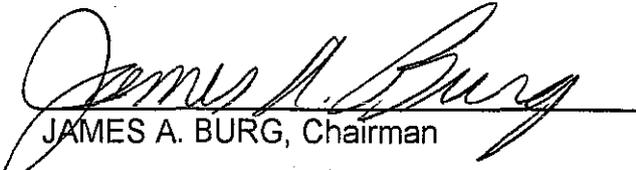
ORDERED, that Three River's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted, effective August 13, 2001. It is

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2001.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>
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>Debrae Kolbo</i></u>
Date: <u>8/6/01</u>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

 _____ JAMES A. BURG, Chairman
 _____ PAM NELSON, Commissioner