

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF )</b>	<b>ORDER GRANTING</b>
<b>STARTEC GLOBAL LICENSING COMPANY )</b>	<b>CERTIFICATE OF</b>
<b>FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO )</b>	<b>AUTHORITY</b>
<b>PROVIDE INTEREXCHANGE )</b>	
<b>TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN )</b>	<b>TC02-167</b>
<b>SOUTH DAKOTA )</b>	

On October 10, 2002, 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 Startec Global Licensing Company (Startec).

Startec proposes to provide resold interexchange service, including MTS, in-WATS, out-WATS and debit card services throughout South Dakota. A proposed tariff was filed by Startec. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On October 17, 2002, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of November 1, 2002, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its February 20, 2003, meeting, the Commission considered Startec's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that Startec not offer a prepaid calling card or require or accept 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 Startec has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Startec 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 Startec's application for a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that Startec not offer a prepaid calling card or require or accept deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

**ORDERED**, that Startec's application for a certificate of authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services is hereby granted, subject to the condition that Startec not offer a prepaid calling card or require or accept deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. It is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that the Commission waives ARSD 20:10:24:02(8). It is

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2003.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>By: <u><i>Delaine Kolbo</i></u></p> <p>Date: <u>3/11/03</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

*Robert K. Sahr*  
ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

*Gary Hanson*  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

*James A. Burg*  
JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner