

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
CONSOLIDATED TELECOM, INC. D/B/A)
SECURED TECHNOLOGIES, INC. FOR A)
CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE)
INTEREXCHANGE LONG DISTANCE)
SERVICES AS AN ALTERNATIVE)
OPERATOR SERVICE)**

**ORDER GRANTING
CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY**

TC13-034

On April 16, 2013, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application for a certificate of authority from Consolidated Telecom Inc., d/b/a Secured Technologies Inc., (Consolidated) to provide interexchange services in South Dakota for the purpose of providing Alternative Operator Services (AOS). Consolidated intends to provide automated, operator assisted calling services to inmates of correctional institutions and other confinement facilities throughout the State of South Dakota. Due to the unique nature of providing AOS to inmates, Consolidated also requested waiver of ARSD 20:10:24:05 (3), (5), (6), and the last paragraph of ARSD 20:10:24:05.

On April 18, 2013, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of May 3, 2013, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed.

On June 12, 2013, Consolidated filed an indemnity bond with the Commission, binding themselves unto the Commission on behalf of the consumers of South Dakota as Obligee, in the sum of \$25,000.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of June 18, 2013 the Commission considered this matter. 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 05. The Commission finds that Consolidated has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Consolidated has, in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3, demonstrated sufficient technical, financial, and managerial capabilities to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in South Dakota. Further the Commission finds that there is good cause to waive ARSD 20:10:24:05 (3), (5), (6), and the last paragraph of ARSD 20:10:24:05 for the provision of AOS to inmate customers in correctional facilities. The Commission voted unanimously to grant Consolidated a certificate of authority and the waivers as requested. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Consolidated's application for a certificate of authority to provide interexchange services in South Dakota for the purpose of providing alternative operator services is granted subject to the condition that Consolidated maintains the \$25,000 indemnity bond pursuant to ARSD 20:10:24:04.05 while authorized to do business in South Dakota. It is further

ORDERED, that the Commission waives ARSD 20:10:24:05 (3), (5), (6), and the last paragraph of ARSD 20:10:24:05 for the provision of AOS to inmate customers in correctional facilities. It is further

ORDERED, that this order constitutes Consolidated's certificate of authority as described above.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 21 day of June, 2013.

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, electronically.

By:

Joy Lashley

Date:

6.24.13

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner