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Via Overnight Delivery
May 28, 2004

Ms. Pam Bonrud, Executive Secretary
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
State Capitol Building, 1st Floor
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION

RE: Southwestern Bell Communications Services Inc. d/b/a Southwestern Bell Long Distance ("SBLD") – Request for Amendment Permitting Collection of Deposits and Advance Payments to Order Granting Certificate of Authority in Docket No. TC 97-132

Dear Ms. Bonrud:

With this letter, SBLD requests that South Dakota Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") amend its order issued August 27, 1997 in Docket No. 97-132 ("the Interexchange Order") to permit SBLD to collect advance payments and deposits from its South Dakota customers. In support of its request for amendment, SBLD provides the following information:

1. SBLD was granted authority to provide resold intrastate long distance services in the Interexchange Order.
2. After the issuance of the Interexchange Order, SBLD filed with the Commission bond no. 6070970, issued June 21, 2000, in the amount of \$25,000.00, for purposes of complying with Commission rules regarding the collection of advance payments and deposits.
3. Staff recently made SBLD aware that the Interexchange Order had not been amended to permit the collection of advance payments and deposits after the filing of bond no. 6070970.
4. SBLD has not, to date, collected advance payments or deposits from its South Dakota customers.

Ms. Pam Bonrud

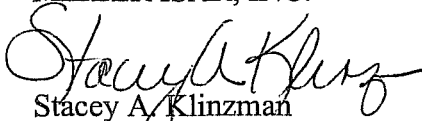
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As indicated by the facts set forth above, SBLD has complied with Commission rules and regulations for collection of advance payments and deposits. Thus, SBLD respectfully requests that the Interexchange Order be amended to permit it to collect advance payments and deposits from its South Dakota customers.

Please acknowledge receipt of this filing by file-stamping and returning the additional copy in the self-addressed, postage-paid envelope provided for this purpose. Questions regarding this request for amendment to the Interexchange Order may be directed to me at the telephone or facsimile numbers above, or via electronic mail at sklinzman@millerisar.com.

Sincerely,
MILLER ISAR, INC.



Stacey A. Klinzman
Director - Regulatory Compliance

Regulatory Consultants to
Southwestern Bell Communications Services, Inc.

cc: Norman W. Descoteaux, Associate Director - Regulatory, Southwestern Bell
Communications Services Inc.

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TC04-029

Attached is the
bond that was
furnished in
TC97-132

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Ms. Pam Bonrud, Executive Secretary
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
State Capitol Building, 1st Floor
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

RE: Southwestern Bell Communications Services Inc. d/b/a SBC Long Distance
("SBCS") - Docket No. COA - TC04-029

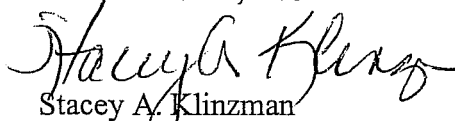
Dear Ms. Bonrud:

Enclosed for filing in the above referenced docket please find an original Surety Rider for Bond No. 6070970 issued on June 21, 2000 in connection with SBCS's interexchange service application.

Please acknowledge receipt of this filing by file-stamping and returning the additional copy in the self-addressed, postage-paid envelope provided for this purpose. Questions regarding this filing may be directed to me via the telephone or facsimile number above, or by electronic mail at sklinzman@millerisar.com.

Sincerely,

MILLER ISAR, INC.


Stacey A. Klinzman
Director - Regulatory Compliance

Enclosures

cc: Norman W. Descoteaux, Associate Director - Regulatory, Southwestern Bell
Communications Services Inc.



SAFECO

SURETY RIDER

SAFECO Insurance Company
PO Box 34526
Seattle, WA 98124-1526

TC04-029

To be attached to and form a part of

Bond No. 6070970

Type of Bond: Telecommunications Services Provider Indemnity Bond

dated effective 06/21/2000
(MONTH-DAY-YEAR)

executed by Southwestern Bell Communications Services, Inc.
(PRINCIPAL)

, as Principal,

and by SAFECO INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA

, as Surety,

in favor of State of South Dakota
(OBLIGEE)

in consideration of the mutual agreements herein contained the Principal and the Surety hereby consent to changing the principal name to: Southwestern Bell Communications Services, Inc. d/b/a SBC Long Distance

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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Nothing herein contained shall vary, alter or extend any provision or condition of this bond except as herein expressly stated.

This rider is effective 05/11/2004
(MONTH-DAY-YEAR)

Signed and Sealed 05/11/2004
(MONTH-DAY-YEAR)



Southwestern Bell Communications Services, Inc. d/b/a SBC Long Distance
(PRINCIPAL)

By: Thomas S. Clemens
(PRINCIPAL) Assistant Treasurer

SAFECO INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA
(SURETY)

By: Ronald J. Walton
(ATTORNEY-IN-FACT) Attorney in Fact

This rider and bond cover both TX and local exchange service for Southwestern Bell as per John Smith's as have no objection in principle TC97-132 TXC... TC04-029...



POWER OF ATTORNEY

SAFECO INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA
GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA
HOME OFFICE: SAFECO PLAZA
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98185

No. 9672

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS:

That SAFECO INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA and GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA, each a Washington corporation, does each hereby appoint
*****JULIE K. LONG; RONALD J. WALTON; PAUL W. STEPHENS; JANET M. DUNCAN; LORI LEE; San Antonio, Texas*****

its true and lawful attorney(s)-in-fact, with full authority to execute on its behalf fidelity and surety bonds or undertakings and other documents of a similar character issued in the course of its business, and to bind the respective company thereby.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, SAFECO INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA and GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA have each executed and attested these presents

this 3rd day of November, 2003

CHRISTINE MEAD, SECRETARY

MIKE MCGAVICK, PRESIDENT

CERTIFICATE

Extract from the By-Laws of SAFECO INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA
and of GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA:

"Article V, Section 13. - FIDELITY AND SURETY BONDS ... the President, any Vice President, the Secretary, and any Assistant Vice President appointed for that purpose by the officer in charge of surety operations, shall each have authority to appoint individuals as attorneys-in-fact or under other appropriate titles with authority to execute on behalf of the company fidelity and surety bonds and other documents of similar character issued by the company in the course of its business... On any instrument making or evidencing such appointment, the signatures may be affixed by facsimile. On any instrument conferring such authority or on any bond or undertaking of the company, the seal, or a facsimile thereof, may be impressed or affixed or in any other manner reproduced; provided, however, that the seal shall not be necessary to the validity of any such instrument or undertaking."

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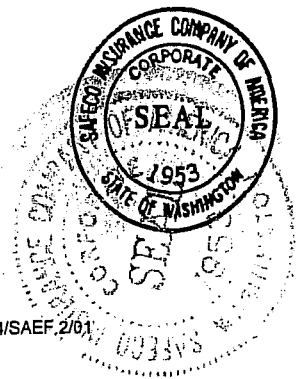
- (i) The provisions of Article V, Section 13 of the By-Laws, and
- (ii) A copy of the power-of-attorney appointment, executed pursuant thereto, and
- (iii) Certifying that said power-of-attorney appointment is in full force and effect,

the signature of the certifying officer may be by facsimile, and the seal of the Company may be a facsimile thereof."

I, Christine Mead, Secretary of SAFECO INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA and of GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA, do hereby certify that the foregoing extracts of the By-Laws and of a Resolution of the Board of Directors of these corporations, and of a Power of Attorney issued pursuant thereto, are true and correct, and that both the By-Laws, the Resolution and the Power of Attorney are still in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the facsimile seal of said corporation

this 11th day of May, 2004



CHRISTINE MEAD, SECRETARY

State of Texas

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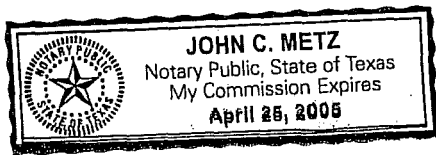
County of Bexar

On **MAY 11, 2004** before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, residing therein, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared **RONALD J. WALTON**

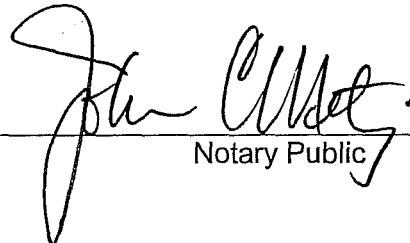
known to me to be Attorney-in-Fact of **SAFECO INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA**

the corporation described in and that executed the within and forgoing instrument, and known to me to be the person who executed the said instrument in behalf of the said corporation, and she/he duly acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, the day and year stated in this certificate above.



My Commission Expires _____


Notary Public

**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO SURETY BOND CUSTOMERS REGARDING
THE TERRORISM RISK INSURANCE ACT OF 2002**

As a surety bond customer of one of the SAFECO insurance companies (SAFECO Insurance Company of America, General Insurance Company of America, First National Insurance Company, American States Insurance Company or American Economy Insurance Company), it is our duty to notify you that the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002 extends to "surety insurance". This means that under certain circumstances we may be eligible for reimbursement of certain surety bond losses by the United States government under a formula established by this Act.

Under this formula, the United States government pays 90% of losses caused by certified acts of terrorism that exceed a statutorily established deductible to be paid by the insurance company providing the bond. The Act also establishes a \$100 billion cap for the total of all losses to be paid by all insurers for certified acts of terrorism. Losses on some or all of your bonds may be subject to this cap.

This notice does not modify any of the existing terms and conditions of this bond, the underlying agreement guaranteed by this bond, any statutes governing the terms of this bond or any generally applicable rules of law.

At this time there is no premium change resulting from this Act.

INDEMNITY BOND
To the
PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

BOND NO. 6070970

We, Southwestern Bell Communications Services, Inc., principal and applicant for a CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY to resell long distance telecommunications service within the State of South Dakota and Safeco Insurance Company of America as an admitted surety insurer, bind ourselves unto the Public Utilities Commission of the State of South Dakota as Obligee in the penal sum of TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND AND NO/100 (\$25,000.00) DOLLARS.

The conditions of this obligation are such that the principal, having been granted such CERTIFICATE AUTHORITY subject to the provision that said principal purchase this indemnity bond, and if said principal shall in all respects fully and faithfully comply with all applicable provisions of South Dakota State Law, and reimburse customers of for any prepayment or deposits they have made which may be unable or unwilling to return to said customers as a result of insolvency or other business failure, then this obligation shall be void, discharged and forever exonerated, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

This bond shall take effect as of the date hereon and shall remain in force and effect until the surety is released from liability by the written order of the Public Utilities Commission, provided that the surety may cancel this Bond and be relieved of further liability hereunder by delivering thirty (30) days written notice to the Public Utilities Commission. Such cancellation shall not affect any liability incurred or accrued hereunder prior to the termination of said thirty (30) day period.

Dated this 21st day of June, 2000.

To be effective this 21st day of June, 2000.

Southwestern Bell Communications Services, Inc.

By: Bruce Ramsey V.P. and Secretary

Safeco Insurance Company of America

By: Heidi A. Notheisen
Heidi A. Notheisen, Attorney-in-Fact

This bond came to Harlan with some tariff revisions. They were never required to file a bond in the first place. Harlan said to put this bond with the rest of our bonds.

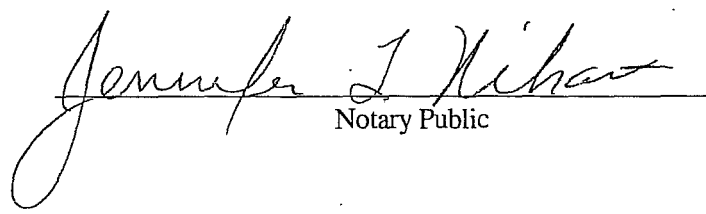
State of Missouri }
County of St. Louis } ss:

On 21st day June, 2000, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, residing therein, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared Heidi A. Notheisen

known to me to be Attorney-in-Fact of Safeco Insurance Company of America the corporation described in and that executed the within and foregoing instrument, and known to me to be the person who executed the said instrument in behalf of the said corporation, and he duly acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, the day and year stated in this certificate above.

My Commission Expires _____
JENNIFER L. NIHART
NOTARY PUBLIC - NOTARY SEAL
STATE OF MISSOURI, ST. LOUIS COUNTY
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES SEPTEMBER 14, 2003


Notary Public

No. 4085

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS:

That SAFECO INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA and GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA, each a Washington corporation, does each hereby appoint

*****DAVID R. SCHAAKE; KAREN A. VISNOVSKE; PAMELA A. BEELMAN; LINDA M. BRANTLEY; HEIDI A. NOTHEISEN; St. Louis, Missouri*****

its true and lawful attorney(s)-in-fact, with full authority to execute on its behalf fidelity and surety bonds or undertakings and other documents of a similar character issued in the course of its business, and to bind the respective company thereby.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, SAFECO INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA and GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA have each executed and attested these presents

this 29th day of May, 1999



R.A. PIERSON, SECRETARY



W. RANDALL STODDARD, PRESIDENT

CERTIFICATE

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I, R.A. Pierson, Secretary of SAFECO INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA and of GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA, do hereby certify that the foregoing extracts of the By-Laws and of a Resolution of the Board of Directors of these corporations, and of a Power of Attorney issued pursuant thereto, are true and correct, and that both the By-Laws, the Resolution and the Power of Attorney are still in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the facsimile seal of said corporation

this 21st day of June, 2000



R.A. PIERSON, SECRETARY

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
WEEKLY FILINGS
For the Period of May 27, 2004 through June 2, 2004

If you need a complete copy of a filing faxed, overnight expressed, or mailed to you, please contact
Delaine Kolbo within five business days of this report. Phone: 605-773-3201

ELECTRIC

EL04-020 In the Matter of the Filing by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. for Approval of Tariff Revisions.

On June 1, 2004, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc. (Montana-Dakota) filed updated cogeneration rates for Commission approval. Montana-Dakota is requesting approval to revise its Occasional Power Purchase Non-Time Differentiated Rate 95, Short-Term Power Purchase Time Differentiated Rate 96 and Long-Term Power Purchase Differentiated Rate 97. The filing is made in compliance with Commission Order F-3365 and in accordance with the Special Terms and Conditions of these tariffs.

Staff Analyst: Michele Farris/Keith Senger
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer
Date Filed: 06/01/04
Intervention Deadline: 06/18/04

EL04-021 In the Matter of the Filing by Otter Tail Power Company for Approval of Tariff Revisions.

Application by Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail) for approval to revise its tariffed Summary List of Contracts with Deviations. The existing contract with the Village of Marvin will expire on July 2, 2004. Otter Tail states the new agreement does not contain any deviations from Otter Tail's currently filed tariff and therefore requests that reference to a contract with the Village of Marvin be removed from the Summary List of Contracts with Deviations.

Staff Analyst: Dave Jacobson
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer
Date Filed: 06/01/04
Intervention Deadline: 06/18/04

NATURAL GAS

NG04-003 In the Matter of the Filing by MidAmerican Energy Company for Approval of Tariff Revisions.

Application by MidAmerican Energy Company for approval of revised interruptible gas tariffs. MidAmerican's Small Volume Interruptible and Large Volume Interruptible natural gas sales tariffs currently contain language which would have them expire on June 26, 2004. This expiration was the result of the Commission's Order in Docket NG02-003 which directed MidAmerican to file a plan with the Commission to phase out interruptible natural gas tariffs within a two year time period. Coincident with the proposed tariff revisions, MidAmerican is filing a 2004 Interruptible Gas Rate Plan which is proposed to address the Commission's concerns in Docket NG02-003. In the Gas Rate Plan, MidAmerican proposes to retain interruptible rates but to change the methodology used in its determination so as to increase these rates. MidAmerican's Plan also proposes to add new optional rates for customers,

including those who may wish to switch rates as a result of the increase to interruptible rates. The new Gas Rate Plan is proposed to become effective 60 days after the effective date of tariffs approved in MidAmerican's current rate increase proceeding NG04-001. The interruptible rate changes which are the subject of this notice would replace the current tariff expiration date of June 26, 2004, with the proposed effective date of the 2004 Interruptible Gas Rate Plan as described above. MidAmerican has requested that these tariff revisions be approved with less than 30 days notice.

Staff Analyst: Dave Jacobson
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer
Date Filed: 06/01/04
Intervention Deadline: 06/18/04

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

TC04-097 In the Matter of the Establishment of Switched Access Rates for PrairieWave Community Telephone, Inc.

On May 28, 2004, PrairieWave Community Telephone, Inc., Irene, South Dakota, filed a switched access cost study pursuant to the rules established by the Commission.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Filed: 05/28/04
Intervention Deadline: 06/18/04

TC04-098 In the Matter of the Filing by Southwestern Bell Communications Services, Inc. d/b/a Southwestern Bell Long Distance for an Amended Certificate of Authority to Provide Interexchange Telecommunications Services in South Dakota.

On June 1, 2004, Southwestern Bell Communications Services Inc. d/b/a Southwestern Bell Long Distance (SBLD) submitted a request for an amended Certificate of Authority. The original Certificate of Authority restricted SBLD from collecting deposits, advance payments, or offering prepaid calling cards. SBLD has submitted a surety bond in lieu of the restrictions and would like the Certificate of Authority amended to reflect the change.

Staff Analyst: Michele Farris
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer
Date Filed: 06/01/04
Intervention Deadline: 06/18/04

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

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY) | ORDER GRANTING |
| SOUTHWESTERN BELL COMMUNICATIONS) | AMENDED CERTIFICATE OF |
| SERVICES, INC. D/B/A SOUTHWESTERN) | AUTHORITY |
| BELL LONG DISTANCE FOR AN AMENDED) | |
| CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE) | TC04-098 |
| INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS) | |
| SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA) | |

On July 14, 1997, 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 Southwestern Bell Communications Services, Inc. d/b/a Southwestern Bell Long Distance (Southwestern).

Southwestern sought statewide authority to offer a full line of inbound, outbound, conference, directory assistance, calling card, prepaid calling card, and private line services to business customers and residential customers. Initially Southwestern did not plan to offer alternative operator services. A proposed tariff was filed by Southwestern. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On July 17, 1997, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of August 1, 1997, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its August 18, 1997, meeting, the Commission considered Southwestern's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that Southwestern not offer a prepaid calling card or require or accept deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission.

The Commission received a \$25,000 surety bond from Southwestern and on June 1, 2004, the Commission was notified that Southwestern wished to collect advance payments and deposits from its South Dakota customers. Southwestern requested that it be permitted to post a \$25,000 surety bond and that the restrictions be removed from its certificate of authority.

At its regularly scheduled June 22, 2004, meeting, Staff recommended that the Commission reconsider the terms and conditions of Southwestern's certificate of authority to permit Southwestern to post a continuous \$25,000 surety bond and remove the restriction that Southwestern 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 Southwestern has met the legal requirements established for the

granting of a certificate of authority. Southwestern 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 Southwestern's application for an amended certificate of authority, subject to a continuous \$25,000 surety bond, it is therefore

ORDERED, that Southwestern's application for an amended certificate of authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services is hereby granted, subject to a continuous \$25,000 surety bond.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 30th day of June, 2004.

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| 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>Rebecca Kolbo</u> |
| Date: <u>7/1/04</u> |
| (OFFICIAL SEAL) |

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Robert K. Sahr

ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner

James A. Burg

JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner

SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

AMENDED CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

To Conduct Business As A Telecommunications Company
Within The State of South Dakota

Authority was Granted as of the date of the
Original Order Granting Certificate of Authority
Docket No. TC04-098

This is to certify that

SOUTHWESTERN BELL COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC. D/B/A SOUTHWESTERN BELL LONG DISTANCE

is authorized to provide interexchange telecommunications services in South
Dakota.

This certificate is issued in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3 and ARSD
20:10:24:02, and is subject to all of the conditions and limitations contained in the
rules and statutes governing its conduct of offering telecommunications services.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 30th day of June, 2004.

**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION:**



Robert K. Sahr

ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner

James A. Burg

JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner