

**Before the
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
Pierre, South Dakota 57501**

In the Matter of)
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Application of **LTS Telecommunications**) TC21 - 008
Services (USA) Inc. for a Certificate of)
Authority for Interexchange Service)
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Staff's Data Request 1: Application for the Certificate of Authority for Interexchange Service

1.1. Per 20:10:24:02(3) under what name will LTS provide interexchange services?

LTS Telecommunications Services (USA) Inc.

1.2. Will LTS be offering any local exchange services in South Dakota? If so, will LTS be filing an application for a local exchange certificate of authority?

No, LTS will not be offering any local exchange services in South Dakota.

1.3. Does LTS have audited financial statements available? If so, please provide.

LTS does not have audited financial statements available.

1.4. Will LTS be utilizing the facilities of any underlying carriers? If so, please provide which carrier's facilities LTS anticipates utilizing.

LTS does not anticipate utilizing the facilities of any underlying carriers. LTS anticipates constructing its own facilities.

1.5. Please explain what a 'dark fiber' offering is. What kind of services can other carriers offer utilizing LTS's dark fiber offering?

A dark fiber offering is the provision of a strand of fiber optic cable to a customer. The customer "lights" the fiber by placing optronic equipment at the end points of the fiber optic strands. When used by a carrier, a dark fiber can be used to provide practically any type of communications service.

1.6. Will LTS accept or require any deposits or advance payments?

As stated in the application LTS will typically engage with customers on an individualized contract basis. Depending on the customer and the specifics of a given contract, a customer may commit to providing a deposit, advance payment, or both.

WHEREFORE, LTS Telecommunications Services (USA) Inc. respectfully submits this Staff's Data Request 1 responses to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Staff.

Respectfully Submitted,

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