

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
INTER-TEL NETSOLUTIONS, INC. FOR A)
CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE)
INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS)
SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA)

**ORDER GRANTING
CERTIFICATE OF
AUTHORITY**

TC02-120

On September 4, 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 Inter-Tel NetSolutions, Inc. (Inter-Tel).

Inter-Tel proposes to provide services only to business customers of its affiliates and its parent Inter-Tel and residential services to its employees and employees of its customers, affiliates and Inter-Tel. A proposed tariff was filed by Inter-Tel. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On September 5, 2002, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of September 20, 2002, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its March 4, 2003, meeting, the Commission considered Inter-Tel'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 Inter-Tel has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Inter-Tel 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 Inter-Tel's application for a certificate of authority. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that Inter-Tel's application for a certificate of authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services is hereby granted. It is

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 7th day of March, 2003.

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>Aldine Kolbo</u>
Date: <u>3/11/03</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