

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	ORDER DENYING
NORTHSTAR TELECOM, INC. FOR A)	CERTIFICATE OF
CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE)	AUTHORITY
INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS)	
SERVICES AND LOCAL EXCHANGE)	TC05-005
SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA)	

On January 19, 2005, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission), in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3 and 49-31-69 and ARSD 20:10:24:02 and 20:10:32:03, received an application for a certificate of authority from Northstar Telecom, Inc. (Northstar).

Northstar proposes to provide facilities based 1+ and 101XXXX outbound dialing, 800/888 toll-free inbound dialing, calling cards and data services, as well as local exchange service for business and residential customers.

On January 20, 2005, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of February 4, 2005, to interested individuals and entities. At its regularly scheduled June 14, 2005, meeting, the Commission considered Northstar's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended denying the certificate of authority and closing the docket as Northstar had failed to adequately provide information required by Staff.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Chapter 49-31, specifically 49-31-3 and 49-31-69 and ARSD 20:10:24:02, 20:10:24:03, 20:10:32:03 and 20:10:32:06. The Commission finds that Northstar has not met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Northstar has not, in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3 and 49-31-69, demonstrated sufficient technical, financial and managerial capabilities to offer telecommunications services in South Dakota. The Commission voted to deny Northstar's application for a certificate of authority. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that Northstar's application for a certificate of authority is hereby denied.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 28th day of June, 2005.

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> Melaine Kalbo </u>
Date: <u> 6/29/05 </u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

 Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

 Robert K. Sahr
ROBERT K. SAHR, Commissioner

 Dustin M. Johnson
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner