

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	ORDER GRANTING
TRANS NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS)	CERTIFICATE OF
INTERNATIONAL, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE)	AUTHORITY
OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE LOCAL)	
EXCHANGE SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA.)	TC05-061

On May 4, 2005, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application for a certificate of authority from Trans National Communications International, Inc. (TNCI).

TNCI proposes to offer local exchange telecommunications services within the state of South Dakota as a combination of resale and facilities-based service through the underlying local exchange provider, Qwest Corporation. A proposed tariff was filed by TNCI.

On May 5, 2005, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of May 20, 2005, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its regularly scheduled December 6, 2005, meeting, the Commission considered TNCI's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to rural safeguards.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31, specifically 49-31-69 and ARSD 20:10:32:03. The Commission finds that TNCI has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. TNCI has, in accordance with SDCL 49-31-71, demonstrated sufficient technical, financial and managerial capabilities to offer telecommunications services in South Dakota.

The Commission approves TNCI's application for a certificate of authority, subject to rural safeguards. The certificate of authority for TNCI shall authorize it to offer local exchange services in South Dakota, except in those areas served by a rural telephone company. In the future, should TNCI choose to provide local exchange services statewide, with respect to rural telephone companies, TNCI will have to come before the Commission in another proceeding before being able to provide local service in that rural service area pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 253(f) which allows the Commission to require a company that seeks to provide service in a rural service area to meet the requirements in 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(1) for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier. In addition, the granting of statewide certification will not affect the exemptions, suspensions, and modifications for rural telephone companies found in 47 U.S.C. § 251(f). It is therefore

ORDERED, that TNCI's application for a certificate of authority to provide local exchange services is granted; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that TNCI shall file informational copies of tariff changes with the Commission as the changes occur; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the Commission shall authorize TNCI to offer its local exchange services in South Dakota, except in those areas served by a rural telephone company.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 14th day of December, 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 facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.
By: <u><i>Alvin Kalls</i></u>
Date: <u>12/14/05</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