

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF) ERNEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR A) CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE) INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS) SERVICES AND LOCAL EXCHANGE) SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA)	ORDER PERMITTING WITHDRAWAL OF APPLICATION AND CLOSING DOCKET TC05-155
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On August 11, 2005, Ernest Communications, Inc. (Ernest) filed an application with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for a certificate of authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services and local exchange services in South Dakota.

On August 14, 2006, Ernest requested that its application for a certificate of authority be withdrawn.

At its regularly scheduled August 23, 2006, meeting, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-31-3 and ARSD Chapters 20:10:24 and 20:10:32. The Commission found that Ernest's request to withdraw its request for a certificate of authority is reasonable and closed the docket. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Ernest shall be permitted to withdraw its request for a certificate of authority; and it is further

ORDERED, that this docket is closed.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 11th day of September, 2006.

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>Melaine Kolbo</u>
Date: <u>9/11/06</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Robert K. Sahr
ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

Dustin M. Johnson
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner