

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF  
ALLTEL HOLDING CORPORATE SERVICES, )  
INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO )  
PROVIDE INTEREXCHANGE )  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN )  
SOUTH DAKOTA )**

**ORDER GRANTING  
CERTIFICATE OF  
AUTHORITY  
TC05-222**

On December 22, 2005, 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 Alltel Holding Corporate Services, Inc. (Alltel). A proposed tariff was filed by Alltel. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On December 29, 2005, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of January 13, 2006, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its April 11, 2006, meeting, the Commission considered Alltel's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to the following conditions: That Alltel provide a copy of the customer notification letter in accordance with 47C.F.R. Section 64.1120(e) to the Commission at least 30 days before any transfer of customers takes place; provide the date of the transfer to the Commission when it has been determined; and that Alltel Communications Inc. submits a letter to the Commission requesting cancellation of its Certificate of Authority once the merger is complete, and also subject to a continuous \$25,000 surety bond. Commission Staff further recommended a waiver of ARSD 20:10:24:02(8).

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 Alltel has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Alltel, in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3, demonstrated sufficient technical, financial and managerial capabilities to offer telecommunications services in South Dakota. Further, the Commission finds that there is good cause to waive ARSD 20:10:24:02(8). The Commission approves Alltel's application for a certificate of authority, subject to the following conditions: That Alltel provide a copy of the customer notification letter in accordance with 47C.F.R. Section 64.1120(e) to the Commission at least 30 days before any transfer of customers takes place; provide the date of the transfer to the Commission when it has been determined; and that Alltel Communications Inc. submits a letter to the Commission requesting cancellation of its Certificate of Authority once the merger is complete, and also subject to a continuous \$25,000 surety bond. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that Alltel's application for a certificate of authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services is hereby granted, subject to the following conditions: That Alltel provide a copy of the customer notification letter in accordance with 47C.F.R. Section 64.1120(e) to the Commission at least 30 days before any transfer of customers takes place; provide the date of the transfer to the Commission when it has been determined; and that Alltel Communications Inc. submits a letter to the Commission requesting cancellation of its Certificate of Authority once the merger is complete, and also subject to a continuous \$25,000 surety bond. It is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the Commission waives ARSD 20:10:24:02(8). It is

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2006.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>	
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>Tina Douglas</u>
Date:	<u>5-8-06</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Bob Sahr

ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

Dustin M. Johnson

DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner