

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

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

**ORDER GRANTING
CERTIFICATE OF
AUTHORITY**

TC06-087

On July 12, 2006, 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 Yestel USA, Inc. (Yestel). A proposed tariff was filed by Yestel. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On July 13, 2006, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of July 28, 2006, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its October 19, 2006, meeting, the Commission considered Yestel's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that Yestel not offer any prepaid services (including prepaid calling cards) and not accept or require any deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. 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 Yestel has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Yestel, 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 Yestel's application for a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that Yestel not offer any prepaid services (including prepaid calling cards) and not accept or require any deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that Yestel's application for a certificate of authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services is hereby granted, subject to the condition that Yestel not offer any prepaid services (including prepaid calling cards) and not accept or require any deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. It is

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

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 31st day of October, 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 first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.

By: *Delaine Kalby*

Date: 11/1/06

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Robert K. Sahr
ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

Dustin Johnson
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner

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GARY HANSON, Commissioner