

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF )</b>	<b>ORDER GRANTING</b>
<b>FIRST CHOICE TECHNOLOGY, INC. FOR A )</b>	<b>CERTIFICATE OF</b>
<b>CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE )</b>	<b>AUTHORITY</b>
<b>INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS )</b>	
<b>SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA )</b>	<b>TC07-018</b>

On April 4, 2007, 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 First Choice Technology, Inc. (First Choice). A proposed tariff was filed by First Choice. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On April 5, 2007, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of April 20, 2007, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its June 5, 2007, meeting, the Commission considered First Choice's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that First Choice 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.

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 First Choice has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. First Choice has, in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3, demonstrated sufficient technical, financial and managerial capabilities to offer telecommunications services in South Dakota. The Commission approves First Choice's application for a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that First Choice 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 First Choice's application for a certificate of authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services is hereby granted, subject to the condition that First Choice 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 this order constitutes your certificate of authority as described above.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2007.

**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, electronically

By: Aldine Kalbo

Date: 6/20/07

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Dustin Johnson  
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Chairman

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Steve Kolbeck  
STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner