BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY PRIMUS TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF RELIEF OF CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT TO POST SURETY BOND	)))))	**ORDER GRANTING AMENDED CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY** **TC07-085**

On March 8, 1996, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application for a certificate of authority from Primus Telecommunications, Inc. (Primus).

On March 14, 1996, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of March 29, 1996, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its regularly scheduled August 13, 1996, meeting, the Commission granted Primus' request for a certificate of authority, subject to restrictions.

On August 22, 1997, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application for an amended certificate of authority from Primus.

On August 28, 1997, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of September 12, 1997, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its regularly scheduled February 24, 1998, meeting, the Commission granted Primus' request for an amended certificate of authority, subject to a continuous $25,000 surety bond.

On July 17, 2007, Primus filed for bond relief. Primus requested that the requirement to post a continuous $25,000 surety bond be removed and agreed to restrictions on its certificate of authority from offering any prepaid services (including prepaid calling cards) and not accept or require any deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission.

At its regularly scheduled August 7, 2007, meeting, Staff recommended that the Commission reconsider the terms and conditions of Primus' certificate of authority to remove the requirement that the certificate of authority be subject to a continuous $25,000 bond and impose a new restriction that Primus 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 Primus has met the legal requirements established for the granting of an amended certificate of authority. Primus 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 Primus' application for an amended certificate of authority, subject to the condition that Primus 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 therefore

ORDERED, that Primus' application for an amended certificate of authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services is granted, subject to the removal of the condition of a surety bond, and subject to the condition that Primus 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.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 14th day of August, 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: Delaine Kolbo

Date: 8/16/07

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Chairman

GARY HANSON, Commissioner

STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner