

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	ORDER GRANTING
NOVATEL LTD, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF)	CERTIFICATE OF
AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE INTEREXCHANGE)	AUTHORITY
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH)	
DAKOTA)	TC08-087

On May 30, 2008, 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 NovaTel Ltd, Inc. (NovaTel). The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On June 5, 2008, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of June 20, 2008, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its September 23, 2008, meeting, the Commission considered NovaTel's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that NovaTel 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 NovaTel has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. NovaTel 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 NovaTel's application for a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that NovaTel 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 NovaTel's application for a certificate of authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services is hereby granted, subject to the condition that NovaTel 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 3rd day of October, 2008.

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: <u><i>Alvin Kolbo</i></u>
Date: <u>10/3/08</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Steve Kolbeck
STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner

Dustin M. Johnson
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner