

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
NEUTRAL TANDEM-SOUTH DAKOTA, LLC)
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO)
PROVIDE FACILITIES-BASED AND RESOLD)
LOCAL EXCHANGE AND INTEREXCHANGE)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN)
SOUTH DAKOTA)**

**ORDER GRANTING
INTERVENTION**

TC10-017

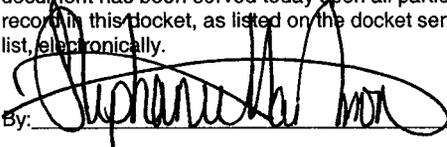
On February 11, 2010, Neutral Tandem-South Dakota, LLC (Neutral Tandem) filed an application for a Certificate of Authority to provide local exchange and interexchange services throughout South Dakota by utilizing a combination of resold services and facilities-based services. Neutral Tandem intends to initially offer transport and access services for competitive carriers. On March 12, 2010, the Commission received a Petition to Intervene from South Dakota Telecommunications Association (SDTA) and from South Dakota Network (SDN), separately.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-31 and ARSD 20:10:01:15.05.

At its March 23, 2010, meeting, the Commission found that the Petitions to Intervene of SDTA and SDN demonstrated good cause to grant intervention and voted unanimously to grant intervention to SDTA and SDN. It is therefore

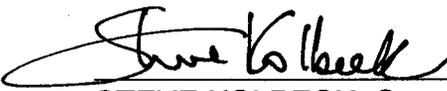
ORDERED, that the Petitions to Intervene of SDTA and SDN are hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 30th day of March, 2010.

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: 
Date: <u>03/30/10</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Chairman


STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner


GARY HANSON, Commissioner