

**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>TDS LONG DISTANCE FOR A CERTIFICATE )</b>	<b>CERTIFICATE OF</b>
<b>OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE )</b>	<b>AUTHORITY</b>
<b>INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS )</b>	
<b>SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA )</b>	<b>TC10-080</b>

On June 18, 2010, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from TDS Long Distance (TDS) for a Certificate of Authority for the state of South Dakota. TDS plans to provide facilities-based and resold interexchange service in South Dakota. On June 18, 2010, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of July 9, 2010, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on August 10, 2010, the Commission considered TDS's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority.

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. The Commission finds that TDS has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. TDS 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 TDS's application for a certificate of authority. It is therefore

ORDERED, that TDS's application for a certificate of authority to provide facilities-based and resold interexchange service is granted. It is further

ORDERED, that this order constitutes TDS's certificate of authority as described above.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2010.

<p><b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>By: <u>[Signature]</u></p> <p>Date: <u>08/12/10</u></p> <p align="center">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Chairman

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STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner

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GARY HANSON, Commissioner