

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF )  
EASTON TELECOM SERVICES, L.L.C. FOR A )  
CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY FOR )  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN )  
SOUTH DAKOTA )**

**ORDER GRANTING  
CERTIFICATE OF  
AUTHORITY  
  
TC10-085**

On July 13, 2010, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from East Telecom Services, L.L.C. (Easton) for a certificate of authority to provide resold interexchange telecommunication services. Easton plans to provide these services throughout the state of South Dakota. On July 15, 2010, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on October 12, 2010, the Commission considered Easton's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that Easton 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.

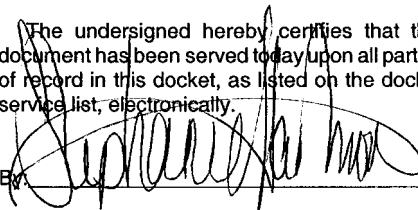
The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31, specifically 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02 and 20:10:24:03.

The Commission finds that Easton has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certification of authority. Easton 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 Easton's application for a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that Easton 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 Easton's application for a certificate of authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services is hereby granted, subject to the condition that Easton 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

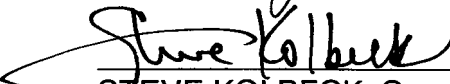
ORDERED, that this order constitutes Easton's certificate of authority as described above.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2010.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>
The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served to and upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, electronically.
By: 
Date: <u>10/20/10</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Chairman

  
STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner

  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner