

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF )  
WHOLESALE CARRIER SERVICES, INC., )  
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO )  
PROVIDE INTEREXCHANGE LONG )  
DISTANCE SERVICES AND LOCAL )  
EXCHANGE SERVICES IN SOUTH )  
DAKOTA )**

**ORDER DENYING  
CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY**

TC11-090

On November 16, 2011, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3 and 49-31-69 and ARSD 20:10:24:02 and 20:10:32:03 received an application for a certificate of authority from Wholesale Carrier Services, Inc. (Wholesale).

On November 17, 2011, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of December 2, 2011, to interested individuals and entities. At its regularly scheduled June 19, 2012, meeting, the Commission considered Wholesale's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended denying the certificate of authority and closing the docket as Wholesale had failed to adequately provide information required by Staff.

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 Wholesale has not met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Wholesale has not, in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3, demonstrated sufficient technical, financial and managerial capabilities to offer telecommunications services in South Dakota. The Commission voted to deny Wholesale's application for a certificate of authority. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Wholesale Carrier Services, Inc.'s certificate of authority is hereby denied.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 24th day of June, 2012.

<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>06-28-12</u></p> <p align="center">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>
---

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

[Signature]  
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

[Signature]  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

[Signature]  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner