

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE)	ORDER GRANTING
APPLICATION OF CONECTADO,)	CERTIFICATE OF
INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF)	AUTHORITY
AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE)	
INTEREXCHANGE LONG)	TC12-122
DISTANCE SERVICES IN SOUTH)	
DAKOTA)	

On August 2, 2012, Conectado, Inc. (Conectado) requested a Certificate of Authority from the Public Utilities Commission (Commission). Conectado requests authority to provide interexchange Long Distance Services in South Dakota as a reseller. Conectado also requests a waiver from the cash flow statement pursuant to ARSD 20:10:24:02(9).

On August 9, 2012, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of August 24, 2012, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on September 25, 2012, the Commission considered Conectado's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, with the condition that, for retail purposes, Conectado 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. Staff also recommended granting Conectado's request for a waiver of ARSD 20:10:24:02(9)

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 Conectado has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Conectado has, in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3, demonstrated sufficient technical, financial, and managerial capabilities to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in South Dakota.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve Conectado's application for a certificate of authority subject to the condition that, for retail purposes, Conectado 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 also granted a waiver of ARSD 20:10:24:02(9). It is therefore

ORDERED, that Conectado's application for a certificate of authority to provide intrastate interexchange services is granted subject to the condition that, for retail purposes, Conectado 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 a waiver of ARSD 20:10:24:02(9) is granted. It is further

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 2nd day of October, 2012.

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>[Signature]</u>
Date:	<u>10-2-12</u>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

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KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

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GARY HANSON, Commissioner