

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
CALLCATCHERS INC. DBA FREEDOMVOICE)
SYSTEMS FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY)
TO PROVIDE INTEREXCHANGE LONG)
DISTANCE SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA)**

**ORDER GRANTING
CERTIFICATE OF
AUTHORITY

TC16-011**

On June 22, 2016, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from CallCatchers Inc. dba FreedomVoice Systems (FreedomVoice) requesting a Certificate of Authority to provide interexchange services in South Dakota. FreedomVoice intends to provide interexchange services to customers throughout the entire State of South Dakota.

On June 23, 2016, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of July 8, 2016, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On August 1, 2016, FreedomVoice responded to Commission staff's data requests.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of September 27, 2016, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31, specifically 49-31-3, as well as ARSD 20:10:24:02. Commission staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that FreedomVoice post a \$25,000 surety bond. The Commission finds that FreedomVoice has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. FreedomVoice 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 grant FreedomVoice a certificate of authority, subject to a continuous \$25,000 surety bond. It is therefore

ORDERED, that FreedomVoice's application for a Certificate of Authority to provide interexchange services is granted, subject to a continuous \$25,000 surety bond. It is

FURTHER ORDERED, that this order constitutes FreedomVoice's Certificate of Authority as described above.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 3rd day of October, 2016.

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 or by mail.
By: <u>Adam Lettueck</u>
Date: <u>10/3/16</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner