

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST OF )</b>	<b>ORDER GRANTING TRANSFER</b>
<b>SPECTROTEL, INC. DBA ONETOUCH )</b>	<b>OF CERTIFICATES OF</b>
<b>COMMUNICATIONS DBA TOUCH BASE )</b>	<b>AUTHORITY</b>
<b>COMMUNICATIONS TO TRANSFER ITS )</b>	
<b>CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE )</b>	<b>TC20-049</b>
<b>INTEREXCHANGE LONG DISTANCE SERVICES )</b>	
<b>AND LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICES IN SOUTH )</b>	
<b>DAKOTA TO SPECTROTEL OF THE WEST LLC )</b>	

On September 11, 2020, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a letter from Spectrotel, Inc. dba OneTouch Communications dba Touch Base Communications (Spectrotel) requesting to transfer its Certificates of Authority to provide interexchange long distance services and local exchange services in South Dakota to Spectrotel of the West LLC. According to the letter, Spectrotel completed an internal corporate reorganization resulting in the creation of a new affiliate, Spectrotel of the West LLC, which will become the telecommunications service provider for the company's South Dakota customers.

On September 17, 2020, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of October 2, 2020, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed.

On December 7 and December 8, 2020, Spectrotel responded to Commission staff's data requests. In response to Commission staff's data request, Spectrotel confirmed that Spectrotel of the West LLC agreed to the same conditions found in the Commission's Order Granting Certificate of Authority in Docket TC11-081.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31, specifically 49-31-3 and 49-31-71, as well as ARSD 20:10:24:04.01 and 20:10:32:08.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of December 22, 2020, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission voted unanimously to grant Spectrotel's request to transfer its certificates of authority to Spectrotel of the West LLC. The Commission finds that Spectrotel has met the legal requirements established for the transfer of the certificates of authority. Spectrotel has, in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3 and 49-31-71, demonstrated sufficient technical, financial, and managerial capabilities to offer telecommunications in South Dakota. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Spectrotel's request to transfer its certificates of authority to Spectrotel of the West LLC is hereby granted, subject to the condition that Spectrotel of the West LLC 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, and subject to rural safeguards. It is further

ORDERED, that this certificate of authority authorizes Spectrotel of the West LLC to offer its local exchange services in South Dakota, except in those areas served by a rural telephone company. It is further

ORDERED, that this order constitutes Spectrotel of the West LLC's Certificate of Authority as described above.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of December 2020.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>	
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>Karen E. Cremer</u>
Date:	<u>12/29/20</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson  
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner