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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Debra Elofson, Executive Director South Dakota Public Utilities Commission State Capitol Building 500 East Capital Avenue Pierre, SD 57501

RE:

Global Communications Consulting Corp.

Dear Ms. Elofson:

Enclosed herewith for filing with the Commission, please find an original and ten (10) copies of the above captioned corporation's APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO TRANSACT THE BUSINESS OF A RESELLER OF INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES AND FOR APPROVAL OF ITS INITIAL TARIFF, along with a check in the amount of \$250.00 to cover the filing fees related to same.

Also enclosed is an exact duplicate of this letter. Please stamp the duplicate and return same in the enclosed, postage-paid envelope.

Should you have any questions, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

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EARLY, LENNON, CROCKER & BARTOSIEWICZ, P.L.C.

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

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IN THE MATTER OF.	SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
THE APPLICATION OF	UTILITIES COMMISSION
GLOBAL COMMUNICATIONS CONSULTING CORP.	)
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE	)
AND NECESSITY TO TRANSACT THE BUSINESS	)
OF A RESELLER OF INTEREXCHANGE	) SDPUC Docket No.
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES	)
AND FOR APPROVAL OF ITS INITIAL TARIFF	)

## APPLICATION FOR AUTHORIZATION

GLOBAL COMMUNICATIONS CONSULTING CORP. (hereinafter "Applicant") respectfully requests that the Public Utilities Commission of the State of South Dakota (hereinafter referred to as "Commission") grant Applicant authority pursuant to SDCL 49-31-3 and in accordance with ARSD 20:10:24:02 to provide intrastate telecommunications services to the public within South Dakota through the resale of similar services offered by other interexchange carriers ("IXCs") in the State. Applicant further requests that the Commission approve its initial proposed tariff. Applicant, for purposes of verification, and in evidence of its fitness to operate and the public need for its services, offers the following information in support of this Application:

## Identification of the Applicant

1. Applicant's name, address, and telephone number:

> Global Communications Consulting Corp. 25 Kilmer Drive, Suite 217 Morganville, NJ 07751-1561 800-371-0642

2. Applicant is incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware. A copy of the Company's Articles of Incorporation is attached hereto as Exhibit A. Applicant has the authority to transact business within the State of South Dakota as a foreign corporation. A copy of the qualifying document is set forth in **Exhibit B** hereto.

3. Correspondence regarding this Application should be directed to:

Patrick D. Crocker EARLY, LENNON, CROCKER & BARTOSIEWICZ, P.L.C. 900 Comerica Building Kalamazoo, MI 49007-4752 Telephone: (269) 381-8844

Facsimile: (269) 381-8822 pcrocker@earlylennon.com

4. Applicant's registered agent is:

Ronald D. Olinger 117 East Capitol Pierre, SD 57501

# **Description of Authority Requested**

- 5. Applicant seeks authority to operate as a reseller of intrastate telecommunications services to the public on a statewide basis. Applicant seeks authority to offer a full range of "1+" interexchange telecommunications services on a resale basis. Specifically, Applicant seeks authority to provide MTS, in-WATS, out-WATS, and Calling Card services.
  - 6. Applicant does not intend to provide operator services, 900 or 700 services.
- 7. Applicant owns no transmission facilities. Applicant will offer service to its subscribers using facilities of the communications networks of Global Crossing, other facilities-based IXCs and the local exchange telephone companies ("LECs").
- 8. Applicant has no plans at this time to construct any telecommunications transmission facilities of its own and seeks no construction authority by means of this Application.

  Applicant will operate exclusively as a reseller.
- 9. Applicant will abide by all rules governing telecommunications resellers, which the Commission has promulgated or may promulgate in the future, unless application of such rules in specifically waived by the Commission.

## **Proposed Services**

- 10. Applicant intends to offer MTS, in-WATS, out-WATS, and Calling Card services to subscribers within South Dakota. Applicant combines high quality transmission services with very competitive rates, flexible end user billing, professional customer service and excellent reporting to create a unique blend, which meets the individualized needs of such customers.
- 11. Applicant's services are designed to be especially attractive to residential and business users.
- 12. Applicant's intends to engage in "switchless" resale. Applicant will arrange for the traffic of underlying subscribers to be routed directly over the networks of Applicant's network providers.
- 13. Applicant is committed to the use of ethical sales practices. All distributors of its products must commit in writing to market Applicant's services in a professional manner, and to fairly and accurately portray Applicant's services and the charges for them.

## **Description and Fitness of Applicant**

14. Applicant's officers have extensive managerial, financial and technical experience with which to execute the business plan described herein. In support of Applicant's managerial and technical ability to provide the services for which authority is sought herein, Applicant submits a description of the background and experience of its management as **Exhibit C.** In support of Applicant's financial ability to provide the proposed services, Applicant attaches a recent Balance Sheet as **Exhibit D.** 

## **Public Interest Considerations**

15. Applicant's entry into the South Dakota marketplace is in the public interest because Applicant intends to make a uniquely attractive blend of service quality, network management and reporting, and low rates available.

16. In addition to the direct benefits delivered to the public by its services, Applicant's entry into the South Dakota marketplace will benefit the public indirectly by increasing the competitive pressure felt by existing IXCs, spurring them to lower costs and improve services in response.

# Requested Regulatory Treatment

17. Applicant is a non-dominant reseller of interexchange telecommunications services. Applicant requests to be regulated by the Commission in the same relaxed fashion extended to other, similarly situated resellers.

## **Initial Proposed Tariff**

18. Applicant proposes to offer service pursuant to the rules, regulations, rates and other terms and conditions included in Applicant's initial proposed tariff, which is attached hereto as **Exhibit E.** Billing, payment, credit, deposit and collection terms are set forth in Applicant's proposed tariff.

# Compliance with ARSD 20:10:24:02

- 19. In accordance with ARSD 20:10:24:02, Applicant provides the following information:
  - (1) The name, address and telephone number of Applicant:

GLOBAL COMMUNICATIONS CONSULTING CORP. 25 Kilmer Drive, Suite 217 Morganville, NJ 07751-1561 Telephone: 800-371-0642

- (2) Applicant shall provide services under the name:GLOBAL COMMUNICATIONS CONSULTING CORP.
- (3) (a) Applicant was incorporated in the State of Delaware on July 23, 2001.
  A copy of Applicant's Articles of Incorporation is attached as Exhibit A. A copy of its certificate of authority to transact business within the State of South Dakota as a foreign corporation is attached as Exhibit B.

- (b) Applicant has no principal office in South Dakota. Applicant's registered agent is Ronald D. Olinger, 117 East Capitol, Pierre, SD 57501.
- (c) No corporation, association, or partnership own any interest in Applicant.

  Applicant owns or controls no subsidiaries. A list of the names and addresses of Applicant's current Officers and Board of Directors and the number of shares held by each:

Michael Franklin 25 Kilmer Drive, Suite 217 Morganville, NJ 07751	President/COO/Secretary	Director	16%
Michelle Nelson 25 Kilmer Drive, Suite 217 Morganville, NJ 07751	Chief Executive Officer		29%
Douglas E. Keller 25 Kilmer Drive, Suite 217 Morganville, NJ 07751	Chairman & Treasurer	Director	42%
David Prail 25 Kilmer Drive, Suite 217 Morganville, NJ 07751	Vice President	Director	13%

- (4) Applicant is a Corporation incorporated under the laws of Delaware.
- (5) See paragraph 5 of the Application.
- (6) See paragraph 6 of the Application.
- (7) Applicant shall offer services on all equal-access areas within the State of South Dakota. Accordingly, Applicant does not attach a map describing service boundaries.
- (8) See Exhibits D and E attached hereto.
- (9) (a) All complaints and regulatory matters should be directed to Applicant's attorney as set forth in paragraph 3 of this Application.
  - (b) Billing to customers will be scheduled monthly. Payment is due by the invoice date printed on the bill. The Company may impose a late charge of 1.5% per month on any delinquent amounts. Applicant will bill for its services.

- (c) Customer service representatives will handle all initial customer disputes. A representative may escalate the resolution of a dispute internally, or refer the customer to the Commission. Customers may reach a representative by calling 1-800-371-0642.
- (10) Applicant is a newly formed company that is seeking authority to provide the resale of telecommunications services throughout the United States. Applicant is currently authorized to provide intrastate services in the following jurisdictions: Colorado, District of Columbia, Idaho, Iowa, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Michigan, Montana, New Jersey, North Carolina, Texas, Utah, and Virginia. Additionally, Applicant has never been denied registration or certification in any jurisdiction and is in good standing with the regulatory agency in each jurisdiction.
- (11) Applicant intends to market services using their website and will not participate in multi-level marketing. Applicant has no promotional materials at this time.
- (12) See paragraph 20 of the Application.
- (13) Applicant's federal tax identification number is 52-2333439.
- (14) Applicant has not received complaints with any state or federal regulatory commission regarding the unauthorized switching of a customer's telecommunications provider or for the act of charging customers for services that have not been ordered.
- (15) Applicant requests a waiver of the cash flow statement required in 20:10:24:02(8).
- (16) Applicant agrees with the restrictions relating to prepaid services and deposits.

# **Applicant's Cost for Underlying Transport Services**

20. Applicant proposes to resell services within South Dakota in excess of Applicant's cost of purchasing services from Applicant's underlying carrier Global Crossing. Applicant purchases intrastate services from Global Crossing and resells to the public as follows:

	<u>Buy</u>	<u>Sell</u>
Switched Inbound	\$0.03	\$0.20
Switched Outbound	\$0.03	\$0.20
Dedicated Inbound	\$0.029	\$0.07
Dedicated outbound	\$0.028	\$0.07
Calling Card	\$0.03	\$0.35

# Conclusion

21. A decision by the Commission to grant Applicant a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity is plainly in the public interest. Applicant will introduce important new products and services at very competitive rates as well as enhance the competitiveness of the overall long distance market in South Dakota.

WHEREFORE, GLOBAL COMMUNICATIONS CONSULTING CORP. respectfully requests that this Commission grant it authority to transact the business of a reseller of interexchange telecommunications services within the State of South Dakota, that the Commission regulate it in a streamlined fashion, and that the Commission approve Applicant's initial proposed tariff effective on the date of the Order granting authority.

Respectfully submitted,

GLOBAL COMMUNICATIONS CONSULTING CORP.

Dated: August 27, 2002

By:

Patrick D. Crocker

Early, Lennon, Crocker & Bartosiewicz, P.L.C.

900 Comerica Building Kalamazoo, MI 49007-4752

Its: Attorneys

# **VERIFICATION**

Patrick D. Crocker, Attorney for GLOBAL COMMUNICATIONS CONSULTING CORP., first being duly sworn on oath, deposes and says that he has read the foregoing Application and verifies that the statements made therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief.

GLOBAL COMMUNICATIONS CONSULTING CORP.

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Patrick D./Crocker

Early, Lennon, Crocker & Bartosiewicz, P.L.C.

Its:Attorneys

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August 2002, by Patrick D. Crocker.

Susan E. Ritchie Notary Public

# **EXHIBIT A**

# **Articles of Incorporation**

# State of Delaware

# Office of the Secretary of State

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I, HARRIET SMITH WINDSOR, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THE ATTACHED IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION OF "GLOBAL COMMUNICATIONS CONSULTING CORP." FILED IN THIS OFFICE ON THE TWENTY-THIRD DAY OF JULY, A.D. 2001, AT 9 O'CLOCK A.M.

A FILED COPY OF THIS CERTIFICATE HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY RECORDER OF DEEDS.



Warriet Smith Windson Secretary of State

AUTHENTICATION: 1257925

STATE OF DELAWARE SECRETARY OF STATE DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS FILED 09:00 AM 07/23/2001 010354468 - 3417363

#### CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

The undersigned, in order to form a corporation for the purposes hereinafter stated, under and pursuant to the provisions of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, does hereby certify as follows:

- I. The corporate name is GLOBAL COMMUNICATIONS CONSULTING CORP.
- II. The address of the registered office of the corporation in the State of Delaware is 11<sup>th</sup> Floor, Rodney Square North, 11<sup>th</sup> and Market Streets, Wilmington, New Castle County, Delaware 19801.

The registered agent in charge thereof is CORPORATION GUARANTEE AND TRUST COMPANY.

- III. The purpose of the corporation is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which corporations may be organized under the General Corporation Law of Delaware.
- IV. The amount of the total authorized capital stock of this corporation is 10,000 shares without par value.
- V. The Board of Directors is authorized and empowered to adopt, amend and repeal the By-Laws of the corporation.
  - VI. The name and address of each incorporator is as follows:

Name

Address

Douglas E. Keller

122 Mid Ocean Court Howell, NJ 07731

VII. To the fullest extent permitted by the Delaware General Corporation Law a director of this corporation shall not be liable to the corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 23rd day of July, 2001.

Contian E. Maker Incurporator

# **EXHIBIT B**

Certificate of Authority to Transact Business as a Foreign Corporation

# State of South Bakota



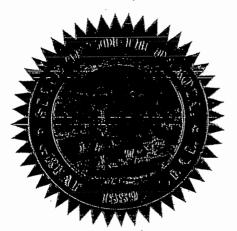
# OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

# **Certificate of Authority**

ORGANIZATIONAL ID #: FB026457

I, JOYCE HAZELTINE, Secretary of State of the State of South Dakota, hereby certify that the Application for a Certificate of Authority of GLOBAL COMMUNICATIONS CONSULTING CORP. (DE) to transact business in this state duly signed and verified pursuant to the provisions of the South Dakota Corporation Acts, have been received in this office and are found to conform to law.

**ACCORDINGLY** and by virtue of the authority vested in me by law, I hereby issue this Certificate of Authority and attach hereto a duplicate of the application to transact business in this state.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, at Pierre, the Capital, this July 23, 2002.

Joyce Hazeltine Secretary of State

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# **EXHIBIT C**

**Background and Experience of Management** 

# Douglas E. Keller - Chairman of the Board

Founded Datalecs Corporation in April of 2000 as a consulting firm on high end telecommunications related products including website development, networking platforms and system integration.

Founded Euronet Communications in 1995 as a 0+ carrier. Expanded operations to full service telecommunications agent.

Founded Polar Communications / Digital Technologies in 1990 as a payphone operator providing service to approximately 5000 payphones and owning an additional 3500 payphones. The business was sold in 1995

## Michelle L. Nelson

Employed by both Qwest Communications 1999 -2001 and Bell South 1997 -1999 in sales management positions including the launch of a CLEC product set for Florida during tenure with Bell South. Extensive telecommunications training and certifications for networking and high end data applications

## Michael G. Franklin - President / COO

Employed by INNCOM International, Inc. 1995 – 2002. INNCOM is a network integrator and controls company catering to the Hospitality market. During the 7-year tenure Mr. Franklin acted as Vice President of Operations, Vice President of Business Development and was responsible for charting a strategic direction for the Company. His efforts led to investments in the Company, sales and financing exceeding \$10M.

Employed as Executive Director of the Southeast Area Technology Development Center (SEATECH) 1990 – 1995. SEATECH operated as a non-profit small business consulting organization and small business incubator. The main thrust of the organization was to migrate defense technology into commercial applications. During this 5-year tenure SEATECH won national recognition as one of the premier centers in the country creating over 2,500 jobs and successfully starting and growing many local businesses.

Founded MGF Development Corporation in 1977, an Architectural / Engineering design build company catering to light commercial projects, as well as high-end residential communities. During 15-year tenure over \$100 M in projects were designed and successfully completed with two of those projects winning national awards.

# EXHIBIT D

# **Financial Statements**

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# Global Communication Consulting Corporation Profit & Loss

January through June 2002

	Jan - Jun 02
Ordinary Income/Expense	•
Income Commissions Sales of Services	83,919.47 372,421.82
Total Income	456,341.29
Cost of Goods Sold Carrier Charges Commission Expense	267,262,30 5,694,19
Total COGS	272,956.49
Gross Profit	183,384.80
Expense Automobile Expense Bank Service Charges LC Bank Charge	637.48 613.06
Bank Service Charges - Other	1,271,14
Total Bank Service Charges	1,884,20
Consulting Defered Compensation Dues and Subscriptions Equiptment Lease Filing Fees Insurance Interest Expense	76,600.00 175,012.00 197.56 921.32 3,852.65 1,157.88
Loan Interest	2,095.62
Total Interest Expense	2,095.62
Internet Line Costs Web Hosting Internet - Other	726.39 6,059,85 20,079,00
Total Internet	26,865.24
Licenses and Permits Miscellaneous Payroll Expenses Postage and Delivery Professional Fees Legal Fees	28.25 29,000.51 223.53 431.10 5,750.00
Total Professional Fees	5,750.00
Rent Repairs	13,800.00
Equipment Repairs	458.88
Total Repairs	458.88
Software Supplies Marketing Office	658.50 988.86 1,927.60
Total Supplies	2,916,46
Switch & Facility Expesnses Telephone Local phone service Long Distance	283.44 3,399.89 2,171.09
Wireless	1,547.97
Total Telephone	7,118.95
Travel & Ent Meals Travel	1,011.65 7,666,01

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# Global Communication Consulting Corporation Profit & Loss

January through June 2002

	Jan - Jun 02
Total Travel & Ent	8,677.66
Utilities Gas and Electric Utilities - Other	496.26 160.84
Total Utilities	657.10
Total Expense	359,228.33
Net Ordinary Income	-175,843.53
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# Global Communincation Consulting Corporation Summary Balance Sheet As of June 30, 2002

	Jun 30, 02
ASSETS Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	199,495.78
Other Current Assets	158,416.92
Total Current Assets	357,912.70
Fixed Assets	7,384.88
TOTAL ASSETS	365,297.58
LIABILITIES & EQUITY Liabilities Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	690,969,10
Total Current Liabilities	690,969.10
Long Term Liabilities	150,000.00
Total Liabilities	840,969.10
Equity	-475,671.52
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	365,297.58

# **EXHIBIT E**

**Tariff** 

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This Tariff contains the descriptions, regulations, and rates applicable to the furnishing of service and facilities for telecommunications services within the State of South Dakota by GLOBAL COMMUNICATIONS CONSULTING CORP. ("Company"). This Tariff is on file with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission, and copies may also be inspected, during normal business hours, at the following location: 25 Kilmer Drive, Suite 217, Morganville, NJ 07751-1561.

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# CONCURRING, CONNECTING AND OTHER PARTICIPATING CARRIERS

**CONCURRING CARRIERS:** 

No Concurring Carriers

**CONNECTING CARRIERS:** 

No Connecting Carriers

OTHER PARTICIPATING CARRIERS:

No Participating Carriers

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# **APPLICABILITY**

This Tariff contains the Service offerings, rates, terms and conditions applicable to the furnishing of intrastate interexchange telecommunications services within the State of South Dakota by GLOBAL COMMUNICATIONS CONSULTING CORP. ("Company").

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# **EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS**

- (D) To signify discontinued material
- (I) To signify a rate or charge increase
- (M) To signify material relocated without change in text or rate
- (N) To signify new material
- (R) To signify a reduction
- (T) To signify a change in text but no change in rate or regulation

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# 1. <u>TECHNICAL TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS</u>

For the purpose of this Tariff, the following definitions will apply:

#### Access Coordination

Provides for the design, ordering, installation, coordination, pre-service testing, service turn-up and maintenance on a Company or Customer provided Local Access Channel.

#### Administrative Change

A change in Customer billing address or contact name.

## Alternate Access

Alternate Access is a form of Local Access except that the provider of the Service is an entity, other than the Local Exchange Carrier, authorized or permitted to provide such Service. The charges for Alternate Access may be subject to private agreement rather than published or special tariff if permitted by applicable governmental rules.

## Application for Service

A standard Company order form which includes all pertinent billing, technical and other descriptive information which will enable the Company to provide a communication Service as required.

## **ASR**

ASR (Access Service Request) means an order placed with a Local Access Provider for Local Access.

## Authorized User

A person, firm, corporation or other entity that either is authorized by the Customer to receive or send communications or is placed in a position by the Customer, either through acts or omissions, to send or receive communications.

# **Bandwidth**

The total frequency band, in hertz, allocated for a channel.

#### Bill Date

The date on which billing information is compiled and sent to the Customer.

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#### Call

A completed connection between the Calling and Called Stations.

#### Called Station

The telephone number called.

#### Calling Station

The telephone number from which a Call originates.

## Cancellation of Order

A Customer initiated request to discontinue processing a Service order, either in part or in its entirety, prior to its completion. Cancellation charges will be assessed for each Circuit-end or Dedicated Access line canceled from an order prior to its completion by the Company, under the following circumstances: (1) if the LEC has confirmed in writing to the Company that the Circuit-end or Dedicated Access line will be installed; or (2) if the Company has already submitted facilities orders to and interconnecting telephone company.

## Channel or Circuit

A dedicated communications path between two or more points having a Bandwidth or Transmission Speed specified in this Tariff and selected by a Customer.

#### Commission

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission

#### Company

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## Company Recognized National Holidays

The following are Company Recognized National Holidays determined at the location of the originator of the Call: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day, President's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day.

The evening rate is used unless a lower rate would normally apply. When a Call begins in one rate period and ends in another, the rate in effect in each rate period applies to the portion of the Call occurring within that rate period. In the event that a minute is split between two rate periods, the rate in effect at the start of that minute applies.

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#### Customer

The person, firm, corporation or governmental unit which orders Service and which is responsible for the payment of charges and for compliance with the Company's Tariff regulations. A Customer is considered to be an account for billing purposes. The term Customer also includes an entity that remains presubscribed to the Company Service after its account(s) are removed from the Company's billing system, subsequently continues to use Company's network, and is billed by a local exchange carrier for such use, or otherwise uses Service for which no other Customer is obligated to compensate Company.

#### Customer Premises/Customer's Premises

Locations designated by a Customer where Service is originated/terminated whether for its own communications needs or for the use of its resale customers.

#### **DCS**

DCS means Digital Cross-Connect System.

#### Dedicated Access/Special Access

Dedicated Local Access between the Customer's Premises or serving wire center and the Company's Point-of-Presence for origination or termination of Calls.

## DS-0

DS-0 means Digital Signal Level 0 Service and is a 64 Kbps signal.

#### DS-1

DS-1 means Digital Signal Level 1 Service and is a 1.544 Mbps signal.

#### DS-0 with VF Access

DS-0 Service with VF Local Access facilities provides for the transmission of analog voice and/or data within 300 Hz to 3000 Hz frequency range.

#### DS-0 with DDS Access

DS-0 Service with DDS Local Access facilities provides for the transmission of digital data at speeds 2.4, 4.8, 9.6 or 56 Kbps.

## Due Date

The Due Date is the date on which payment is due.

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#### Expedite

A Service order initiated at the request of the Customer that is processed in a time period shorter than the Company's standard Service interval.

#### **FCC**

Federal Communications Commission

#### Individual Case Basis (ICB)

Individual Case Basis (ICB) determinations involve situations where complex Customer-specific Company arrangements are required to satisfactorily serve the Customer. The nature of such Service requirements makes it difficult or impossible to establish general tariff provisions for such circumstances. When it becomes possible to determine specific terms and conditions for such offerings, they will be offered pursuant to such terms and conditions.

#### Installation

The connection of a Circuit, Dedicated Access line, or port for new, changed or an additional Service.

#### Interexchange Service

Interexchange Service means that portion of a communications channel between a Company-designated Point-of-Presence in one exchange and a Point-of-Presence in another exchange.

#### Interruption

Interruption shall mean a condition whereby the Service or a portion thereof is inoperative, beginning at the time of notice by the Customer to Company that such Service is inoperative and ending at the time of restoration.

#### **Kbps**

Kilobits per second.

#### LATA (Local Access Transport Area)

A geographical area established for the provision and administration of communications Service of a local exchange company.

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#### Local Access

Local Access means the Service between a Customer Premises and a Company designated Point-of-Presence.

#### Local Access Provider

Local Access Provider means an entity providing Local Access.

#### Local Exchange Carrier (LEC)

The local telephone utility that provides telephone exchange services.

#### Mbps

Megabits per second.

#### Multiplexing

Multiplexing is the sequential combining of lower bit rate Private Line Services onto a higher bit rate Private Line Service for more efficient facility capacity usage or vice versa.

#### N/A

Not available.

#### Nonrecurring Charges

Nonrecurring Charges are one-time charges.

#### Payment Method

The manner that the Customer designates as the means of billing charges for Calls using the Company's Service.

#### Physical Change

The modification of an existing Circuit, Dedicated Access line or port, at the request of the Customer, requiring some Physical Change or retermination.

#### Point-of-Presence (POP)

A Company-designated location where a facility is maintained for the purpose of providing access to its Service.

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#### Primary Route

The route that in the absence of Customer-designated routing or temporary re-routing would be used by the Company in the provision of Service.

#### Private Line

A dedicated transmission channel furnished to a customer without intermediate switching arrangements for full-time customer use.

#### Private Line Service

A dedicated full-time transmission Service utilizing dedicated access arrangements.

#### Rate Center

A specified geographical location used for determining mileage measurements.

#### Requested Service Date

The Requested Service Date is the date requested by the Customer for commencement of Service and agreed to by the Company.

#### Restore

To make Service operative following an interruption by repair, reassignment, re-routing, substitution of component parts, or otherwise, as determined by the carrier(s) involved.

#### Route Diversity

Two channels that are furnished partially or entirely over two physically separate routes.

#### Service

Service means any or all Service(s) provided pursuant to this Tariff.

#### Service Commitment Period

The term elected by the Customer and stated on the Service order during which the Company will provide the Services subscribed to by the Customer. The term can be monthly or in the case of Private Line Services for a period of up to 5 years.

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#### **Special Promotional Offerings**

Special trial offerings, discounts, or modifications of its regular Service offerings which the Company may, from time to time, offer to its Customers for a particular Service. Such offerings may be limited to certain dates, times, and locations. Such offerings will be filed with the SDPUC.

#### Start of Service Date

The Requested Service Date or the date Service first is made available by the Company whichever is later.

#### Tariff

The current Intrastate Services Tariff and effective revisions thereto filed by the Company with the Commission.

#### Transmission Speed

Data transmission speed or rate, in bits per seconds (bps).

#### Two-Way Conversation

A Two-Way Conversation is a telephone conversation between or among two or more parties.

#### VF

VF is voice frequency or voice-grade Service designed for private-line Service. Normal transmission is in the 300 hertz to 3000-hertz frequency band.

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#### 2. <u>RULES AND REGULATIONS</u>

- 2.1. Description and Limitations of Services
- 2.1.1. Intrastate Telecommunications Service ("Service") is the furnishing of Company communication Services contained herein between specified locations under the terms of this Tariff.
- 2.1.2. Any member of the general public (including any natural person or legally organized entity such as a corporation, partnership, or governmental body) is entitled to obtain Service under this Tariff, provided that the Company reserves the right to deny Service: (A) to any Customer that, in the Company's reasonable opinion, presents an undue risk of nonpayment, (B) in circumstances in which the Company has reason to believe that the use of the Service would violate the provisions of this Tariff or any applicable law or if any applicable law restricts or prohibits provision of the Service, or (C) if insufficient facilities are available to provide the Service (in such cases Company shall make best efforts to accommodate the needs of all potential Customers by means of facility improvements or purchases, of capacity, if such efforts will, in the Company's opinion, provide the Company with a reasonable return on its expenditures), but only for so long as such unavailability exists.
- 2.1.3. Company, when acting at the Customer's request and as its authorized agent, will make reasonable efforts to arrange for Service requirements, such as special routing, Diversity, Alternate Access, or circuit conditioning.
- 2.1.4. Service is offered in equal access exchanges subject to the availability of facilities and the provisions of this Tariff. Company reserves the right to refuse to provide Service to or from any location where the necessary facilities and/or equipment are not available.
- 2.1.5. Service may be discontinued after five business days written notice to the Customer if:
  - 2.1.5.A. the Customer is using the Service in violation of this Tariff; or
  - 2.1.5.B. the Customer is using the Service in violation of the law or Commission regulation.
- 2.1.6. Service begins on the date that billing becomes effective and is provided on the basis of a minimum period of at least one month, 24 hours per day. For the purposes of computing charges in this Tariff, a month is considered to have 30 days.
- 2.1.7. Service will be provided until canceled, by the Customer on not less than thirty (30) days' written notice from the date of postmark on the letter giving notice of cancellation.
- 2.1.8. Nothing herein, or in any other provision of this Tariff, or in any marketing materials issued by the Company shall give any person any ownership, interest, or proprietary right in any code or 800 number issued by the Company to its Customers.

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- 2.1.9. The Company reserves the right to discontinue furnishing Services or billing options, upon written notice, when necessitated by conditions beyond its control. Conditions beyond the Company's control include, but are not limited to, a Customer's having Call volume or a calling pattern that results, or may result, in network blockage or other Service degradation which adversely affects Service to the calling party, the Customer, or other Customers of the Company.
- 2.1.10. Except as otherwise provided in this Tariff or as specified in writing by the party entitled to receive Service, notice may be given orally or in writing to the persons whose names and business addresses appear on the executed Service order and the effective date of any notice shall be the date of delivery of such notice, not the date of mailing. By written notice, Company or Customer may change the party to receive notice and/or the address to which such notice is to be delivered. In the event no Customer or Company address is provided in the executed Service order, notice shall be given to the last known business address of Customer or, as appropriate.

#### 2.2. Other Terms and Conditions

- 2.2.1. The name(s) of the Customer(s) desiring to use the Service must be stipulated in the Application for Service.
- 2.2.2. The Customer agrees to operate the Company provided equipment in accordance with instructions of the Company or the Company's agent. Failure to do so will void the Company liability for interruption of Service and may make Customer responsible for damage to equipment pursuant to Section 2.2.3 below.
- 2.2.3. Customer agrees to return to the Company all Company-provided equipment delivered to Customer within five (5) days of termination of the Service in connection with which the equipment was used. Said equipment shall be in the same condition as when delivered to Customer, normal wear and tear only excepted. Customer shall reimburse the Company, upon demand, for any costs incurred by the Company due to Customer's failure to comply with this provision.
- 2.2.4. A Customer shall not use any service-mark or trademark of the Company or refer to the Company in connection with any product, equipment, promotion, or publication of the Customer without prior written approval of the Company.
- 2.2.5. In the event suit is brought or any attorney is retained by the Company to enforce the terms of this Tariff, the Company shall be entitled to recover, in addition to any other remedy, reimbursement for reasonable attorneys' fees, court costs, costs of investigation and other related expenses incurred in connection therewith.
- 2.2.6. The provision of Service will not create a partnership or joint venture between the Company and the Customer nor result in joint Service offerings to their respective Customers.

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- 2.2.7. The rate or volume discount level applicable to a Customer for a particular Service or Services shall be the rate or volume discount level in effect at the beginning of the monthly billing period applicable to the Customer for the particular Service or Services. When a Service is subject to a minimum monthly charge, account charge, port charge or other recurring charge or Nonrecurring Charge for both intrastate and interstate Service, only one such charge shall apply per account and that charge shall be the interstate charge.
- 2.2.8. Service requested by Customer and to be provided pursuant to this Tariff shall be requested on Company Service Order forms in effect from time to time or Customer's forms accepted in writing by an authorized headquarters representative of the Company (collectively referred to as "Service Orders").
- 2.2.9. If an entity other than the company (e.g., another carrier or a supplier) imposes charges on the Company in connection with a Service that entity's charges will be passed through to the Customer also.
- 2.2.10. The Service Commitment Period for any Service shall be established by the Service Order relevant thereto and commence on the Start of Service Date. Upon expiration, each Service Commitment Period for such Service shall automatically be extended subject to written notice of termination by either Company or Customer as of a date not less than thirty (30) days after delivery of said notice to the other. The charges for Interexchange Service during any such extension shall not exceed the then current Company month-to-month charges applicable to such Service.

#### 2.3. Liability

- 2.3.1. Except as provided otherwise in this Tariff, the Company shall not be liable to Customer or any other person, firm or entity for any failure of performance hereunder if such failure is due to any cause or causes beyond the reasonable control of the Company. Such causes shall include, without limitation, acts of God, fire, explosion, vandalism, cable cut, storm or other similar occurrence, any law, order, regulation, direction, action or request of the United States government or of any other government or of any civil or military authority, national emergencies, insurrections, riots, wars, strikes, lockouts or work stoppages or other labor difficulties, supplier failures, shortages, breaches or delays, or preemption of existing Services to restore service in compliance with Part 64, Subpart D, Appendix A, of the FCC's Rules and Regulations.
- 2.3.2. With respect to the Services contained herein and except as otherwise provided herein, the Company's liability shall not exceed an amount equal to the charge applicable to a one minute Call to the Called Station at the time the affected Call was made. If the initial minute rate is higher than the additional minute rate, the higher rate shall apply. For those Services with monthly recurring charges, the Company's liability is limited to an amount equal to the proportionate monthly recurring charges for the period during which Service was affected.

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- 2.3.3. The Company is not liable for any act or omission of any other company or companies (including any Company affiliate that is a participating or concurring carrier) furnishing a portion of the Service or facilities, equipment, or Services associated with such Service.
- 2.3.4. The Customer is responsible for taking all necessary legal steps for interconnecting the Customer provided terminal equipment with the Company facilities. The Customer shall ensure that the signals emitted into the Company's network do not damage Company equipment, injure personnel or degrade Service to other Customers. The Customer is responsible for securing all licenses, permits, rights-of-way, and other arrangements necessary for such interconnection. In addition, the customer shall comply with applicable LEC signal power limitations.
- 2.3.5. The Company may rely on Local Exchange Carriers or other third parties for the performance of other Services such as Local Access. Upon Customer request and execution and delivery of appropriate authorizing documents, the Company may act as agent for Customer in obtaining such other Services. Customer's liability for charges hereunder shall not be reduced by untimely Installation or non-operation of Customer provided facilities and equipment.
- 2.3.6. The failure to give notice of default, to enforce or insist upon compliance with any of the terms or conditions herein, the waiver of any term or conditions herein, or the granting of an extension of time for performance by the Company or the Customer shall not constitute the permanent waiver of any term or condition herein. Each of the provisions shall remain at all times in full force and effect until modified in writing.
- 2.3.7. The Company shall not be liable to the Customer or any other person, firm or entity in any respect whatsoever as a result of mistakes, accidents, errors, omissions, interruptions, delays, or defects in Service (collectively "Defects"). Defects caused by or contributed to, directly or indirectly, by any act or omission of Customer or its customers, affiliates, agents, representatives, invitees, licensees, successors or assigns or which arise from or are caused by the use of facilities or equipment of Customer or related parties shall not result in the imposition of any liability whatsoever upon the Company, and Customer shall pay to the Company any reasonable costs, expenses, damages, fees or penalties incurred by the Company as a result thereof, including penalties incurred by the Company as a result thereof, including costs of Local Access Providers' labor and materials. In addition, all or a portion of the Service may be provided over facilities of third parties, or sold by third parties, and the Company shall not be liable to Customer or any other person, firm or entity in any respect whatsoever arising out of Defects caused by such third parties. THE COMPANY SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY DIRECT, INDIRECT, CONSEQUENTIAL, SPECIAL, ACTUAL, PUNITIVE OR ANY OTHER DAMAGES, OR BUSINESS INTERRUPTION, FOR ANY LOST PROFITS OF ANY KIND OR NATURE WHATSOEVER ARISING OUT OF ANY DEFECTS OR ANY OTHER CAUSE. THE COMPANY'S LIABILITY, IF ANY, WITH REGARD TO THE DELAYED INSTALLATION OF THE COMPANY'S FACILITIES OR COMMENCEMENT OF SERVICE SHALL NOT EXCEED \$1,000. THIS WARRANTY AND THESE REMEDIES

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ARE EXCLUSIVE AND IN LIEU OF ALL OTHER WARRANTIES OR REMEDIES, WHETHER EXPRESS, IMPLIED OR STATUTORY, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE. IN THE EVENT OF AN INTERRUPTION IN SERVICE OR ANY DEFECT IN THE SERVICE WHATSOEVER, NEITHER COMPANY NOR ANY AFFILIATED OR UNAFFILIATED THIRD PARTY, THIRD PARTY PROVIDER OR OPERATOR OF FACILITIES EMPLOYED IN THE PROVISION OF THE SERVICE SHALL BE LIABLE FOR ANY DIRECT, INDIRECT, CONSEQUENTIAL, SPECIAL, ACTUAL, PUNITIVE OR ANY OTHER DAMAGES, OR FOR ANY LOST PROFITS OF ANY KIND OR NATURE WHATSOEVER.

- 2.3.8. With respect to the routing of Calls by the Company to public safety answering points or municipal Emergency Service providers, Company liability, if any, will be limited to the lesser of: (a) the actual monetary damages incurred and proved by the Customer as the direct result of the Company's action, or failure to act, in routing the Call, or (b) the sum of \$1,000.00.
- 2.3.9. In the event parties other than Customer (e.g., Customer's customers) shall have use of the Service directly or indirectly through Customer, then Customer agrees to forever indemnify and hold Company and any affiliated or unaffiliated third-party, third-party provider or operator of facilities employed in provision of the Service harmless from and against any and all claims, demands, suits, actions, losses, damages, assessments or payments which may be asserted by said parties arising out of or relating to any Defects.
- 2.3.10. In the event that Company is required to perform a Circuit redesign due to inaccurate information provided by the Customer; or, circumstances in which such costs and expenses are caused by the Customer or reasonably incurred by the Company for the benefit of the Customer, the Customer is responsible for the payment of all such charges.
- 2.4. Cancellation of Service by a Customer
- 2.4.1. If a Customer cancels a Service Order before the Service begins, before completion of the Minimum Period, or before completion of some other period mutually agreed upon by the Customer and the Company, a charge will be levied upon the Customer for the nonrecoverable portions of expenditures or liabilities incurred expressly on behalf of the Customer by the Company and not fully reimbursed by Installation and monthly charges. If, based on a Service order by a Customer, any construction has either begun or been completed, but no Services provided, the nonrecoverable costs of such construction shall be borne by the Customer.
- 2.4.2. Upon thirty (30) days' prior written notice, either Customer or Company shall have the right, without cancellation charge or other liability, to cancel the affected portion of the Service, if the Company is prohibited by governmental authority from furnishing said portion, or if any material rate or term contained herein and relevant to the affected Service is substantially changed by order of the highest court of competent jurisdiction to which the matter is appeal, the Federal Communications Commission, or other local, state or federal government authority.

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#### 2.5. <u>Cancellation for Cause by the Company</u>

- 2.5.1. Upon nonpayment of any sum owing to the Company, or upon a violation of any of the provisions governing the furnishing of Service under this Tariff, the Company may, upon five business days written notification to the Customer, except in extreme cases, without incurring any liability, immediately discontinue the furnishing of such Service. The written notice may be separate and apart from the regular monthly bill for service, Customer shall be deemed to have canceled Service as of the date of such disconnection and shall be liable for any cancellation charges set forth in this Tariff.
- 2.5.2. Without incurring any liability, the Company may discontinue the furnishing of Service(s) to a Customer upon five business days written notice if the Company deems that such action is necessary to prevent or to protect against fraud or to otherwise protect its personnel, agents, facilities or Services under the following circumstances, except under extreme cases where the customer may be disconnected immediately and without notice:
  - 2.5.2.A. if the Customer refuses to furnish information to the Company regarding the Customer's credit-worthiness, its past or current use of common carrier communications Services or its planned use of Service(s);
  - 2.5.2.B. if the Customer provides false information to the Company regarding the Customer's identity, address, credit-worthiness, past or current use of Customer communications Services, or its planned use of the Company Service(s);
  - 2.5.2.C. if the Customer states that it will not comply with a request of the Company for reasonable security for the payment for Service(s);
  - 2.5.2.D. if the Customer has been given five business days written notice in a separate mailing by the Company of any past due amount (which remains unpaid in whole or in part) for any of the Company's communications Services to which the Customer either subscribes or had subscribed or used;
  - 2.5.2.E. in the event of unauthorized use.
  - 2.5.2.F. Following the disconnection of service for any of these reasons, the Company or the local exchange utility acting as Company agent, will notify the telephone user/customer that service was disconnected and why. The notice will include all reasons for the disconnection and will include a toll-free number where an end user/customer can obtain additional information. Notice shall be deemed given upon deposit, postage prepaid, in the U.S. Mail to the end user's/customer's last known address and in compliance with the Commission's rules.

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2.5.3. The discontinuance of Service(s) by the Company pursuant to this Section does not relieve the Customer of any obligations to pay the Company for charges due and owing for Service(s) furnished up to the time of discontinuance. The remedies set forth herein shall not be exclusive and the Company shall at all times be entitled to all rights available to it under either law or equity.

#### 2.6. Credit Allowance

- 2.6.1. Credit allowance for the interruption of Service is subject to the general liability provisions set forth in this Tariff. Customers shall receive no credit allowance for the interruption of service that is due to the Company's testing or adjusting, negligence of the Customer, or to the failure of channels or equipment provided by the Customer. The Customer should notify the Company when the Customer is aware of any interruption in Service for which a credit allowance is desired. Before giving such notice, the Customer shall ascertain that the trouble is not being caused by any action or omission within Customer's control, or is not in wiring or equipment, if any, furnished by the Customer in connection with the Company's Services.
- 2.6.2. No credit is allowed in the event service must be interrupted in order to provide routine service quality or related investigations.
- 2.6.3. No credit shall be allowed:
  - 2.6.3.A. For failure of services or facilities of Customer; or
  - 2.6.3.B. For failure of services or equipment caused by the negligence or willful acts of Customer.
- 2.6.4. Credit for an interruption shall commence after Customer notifies Company of the interruption and ceases when services have been restored.
- 2.6.5. Credits are applicable only to that portion of Service interrupted.
- 2.6.6. For purposes of credit computation, every month shall be considered to have 720 hours.
- 2.6.7. No credit shall be allowed for an interruption of a continuous duration of less than two hours.
- 2.6.8. The Customer shall be credited for an interruption of two hours or more at a rate of 1/720th of the monthly recurring charge for the service affected for each hour or major fraction thereof that the interruption continues. Calculations of the credit shall be made in accordance with the following formula.

Credit Formula: Credit = 
$$\frac{A}{720}$$
 x B

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<sup>&</sup>quot;A" = outage time in hours

<sup>&</sup>quot;B" = total monthly charge for affected facility

#### 2.7. Use of Service

- 2.7.1. The Services offered herein may be used for any lawful purpose, including residential, business, governmental, or other use. There are no restrictions on sharing or resale of Services. However, the Customer remains liable for all obligations under this Tariff notwithstanding such sharing or resale and regardless of the Company's knowledge of same. The Company shall have no liability to any person or entity other than the Customer and only as set forth in Section 2.3. The Customer shall not use nor permit others to use the Service in a manner that could interfere with Services provided to others or that could harm the facilities of the Company or others.
- 2.7.2. Service furnished by the Company may be arranged for joint use or authorized use. The joint user or Authorized User shall be permitted to use such Service in the same manner as the Customer, but subject to the following:
  - 2.7.2.A. One joint user or Authorized User must be designated as the Customer.
  - 2.7.2.B. All charges for the Service will be computed as if the Service were to be billed to one Customer. The joint user or Authorized User that has been designated as the Customer will be billed for all components of the Service and will be responsible for all payments to the Company. In the event that the designated Customer fails to pay the Company, each joint user or Authorized User shall be liable to the Company for all charges incurred as a result of its use of the Company's Service.
- 2.7.3. In addition to the other provisions in this Tariff, Customers reselling Company Services shall be responsible for all interaction and interface with their own subscribers or customers. The provision of the Service will not create a partnership or joint venture between Company and Customer nor result in a joint communications Service offering to the Customers of either the Company or the Customer.
- 2.7.4. Service furnished by the Company shall not be used for any unlawful or fraudulent purposes.
- 2.7.5. The Customer will be billed directly by the LEC for certain Dedicated Access arrangements selected by the Customer for the provisioning of direct access arrangements. In those instances where the Company at the Customer's request may act as agent in the ordering of such arrangements, the Company will bill the Customer Local Access charges.

#### 2.8. Payment Arrangements

2.8.1. The Customer is responsible for payment of all charges for Services furnished to the Customer or its joint or Authorized Users. This responsibility is not changed due to any use, misuse, or abuse of the Customer's Service or Customer provided equipment by third parties, the Customer's employees, or the public.

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- 2.8.2. The Company's bills are due upon receipt. Amounts not paid within 30 days from the Bill Date of the invoice will be considered past due. Customers will be assessed a late fee on past due amounts in the amount not to exceed the maximum lawful rate under applicable state law. If a Customer presents an undue risk of nonpayment at any time, the Company may require that Customer to pay its bills within a specified number of days and to make such payments in cash or the equivalent of cash.
- 2.8.3. In determining whether a Customer presents an undue risk of nonpayment, the Company shall consider the following factors: (A) the Customer's payment history (if any) with the Company and its affiliates, (B) Customer's ability to demonstrate adequate ability to pay for the Service, (C) credit and related information provided by Customer, lawfully obtained from third parties or publicly available, and (D) information relating to Customer's management, owners and affiliates (if any).
- 2.8.4. Disputes with respect to charges must be presented to the Company in writing within thirty days from the date the invoice is rendered or such invoice will be deemed to be correct and binding on the Customer.
- 2.8.5. If a LEC has established or establishes a Special Access surcharge, the Company will bill the surcharge beginning on the effective date of such surcharge for Special Access arrangements presently in Service. The Company will cease billing the Special Access surcharge upon receipt of an Exemption Certificate or if the surcharge is removed by the LEC.
- 2.8.6. In the event the Company incurs fees or expenses, including attorney's fees, in collecting, or attempting to collect, any charges owed the Company, the Customer will be liable to the Company for the payment of all such fees and expenses reasonably incurred.
- 2.8.7. Company will not require deposits or advance payments by Customers for Services.

#### 2.9. Assignment

2.9.1. The obligations set forth in this Tariff shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors or assigns, provided, however, the Customer shall not assign or transfer its rights or obligations without the prior written consent of the Company.

#### 2.10. Tax and Fee Adjustments

2.10.1. All state and local taxes (i.e., gross receipts tax, sales tax, municipal utilities tax) are listed as separate line items and are not included in the quoted rates.

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- 2.10.2. If at any future time a municipality acquires the legal right to impose an occupation tax, license tax, permit fee, franchise fee or other similar charge upon the Carrier, and imposes the same by ordinance or otherwise, such taxes, fees or charges shall be billed to the end users receiving service within the territorial limits of such municipality. Such billing shall allocate the tax, fee or charge among end users uniformly on the basis of each end user's monthly charges for the types of service made subject to such tax, fee or charge.
- 2.10.3. If at any future time a county or other local taxing authority acquires the legal right to impose an occupation tax, license tax, permit fee, franchise fee or other similar charge upon the Carrier, and imposes the same by ordinance or otherwise, such taxes, fees or charges shall be billed to the end users receiving service within the territorial limits of such county or other taxing authority. Such billing shall allocate the tax, fee or charge among end users uniformly on the basis of each end user's monthly charges for the types of service made subject to such tax, fee or charge.
- 2.10.4. When utility or telecommunications assessments, franchise fees, or privilege, license, occupational, excise, or other similar taxes or fees, based on interstate or intrastate receipts are imposed by certain taxing jurisdictions upon the Company or upon local exchange companies and passed on to the Company through or with interstate or intrastate access charges, the amounts of such taxes or fees will be billed to Customers in such a taxing jurisdiction on a prorated basis. The amount of charge that is prorated to each Customer's bill is determined by the interstate or intrastate telecommunications service provided to and billed to an end user/customer service location in such a taxing jurisdiction with the aggregate of such charges equal to the amount of the tax or fee imposed upon or passed on to the Company.
- 2.10.5. When any municipality, or other political subdivision, local agency of government, or department of public utilities imposes upon and collects from the Company a gross receipts tax, occupation tax, license tax, permit fee, franchise fee or regulatory fee, such taxes and fees shall, insofar as practicable, be billed pro rata to the Company's Customers receiving service within the territorial limits of such municipality, other political subdivision, local agency of government, or public utility commission.
- 2.10.6. The Company may adjust its rates and charges or impose additional rates and charges on its Customers in order to recover amount it is required by governmental or quasi-government authorities to collect from or pay to others in support of statutory or regulatory programs. Examples of such programs include, but are not limited to, the Universal Service Fund, the Primary Interexchange Carrier Charge, and compensation to payphone service providers for use of their payphones to access the Company's services.

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#### 2.11. Method for Calculation of Airline Mileage

2.11.1. The airline mileage between two cities can be calculated using the Vertical (V) and Horizontal (H) coordinates of the serving wire centers associated with the Company's POP locations. The method for calculating the airline mileage is obtained by reference to AT&T's Tariff F.C.C. No. 10 in accordance with the following formula:

$$\frac{(V1-V2)^2 + (H1-H2)^2}{10}$$

where V1 and H1 correspond to the V&H coordinates of City 1 and V2 and H2 correspond to the V&H coordinates of City 2.

Example:

the square root of:

City 1 City 2

$$\frac{(5004-5987)^2 + (1406-3424)^2}{10}$$

The result is 709.83 miles. Any fractional miles are rounded to the next higher whole number; therefore, the airline mileage for this example is 710 miles.

#### 2.12. Time of Day Rate Periods

2.12.1. Time of Day Rate Periods are determined by the time of day at the location of the Calling Station. The rates shown in Section 4 apply as follows:

DAY:

From 8:01 AM to 5:00 PM Monday - Friday

**EVENING:** 

From 5:01 PM to 11:00 PM Monday - Friday and Sunday

NIGHT/WEEKEND:

From 11:01 PM to 8:00 AM Everyday From 8:01 AM to 11:00 PM Saturday From 8:01 AM to 5:00 PM Sunday

#### 2.13. Special Customer Arrangements

2.13.1. In cases where a Customer requests a special or unique arrangement which may include engineering, conditioning, Installation, construction, facilities, assembly, purchase or lease of facilities and/or other special Services not offered under this Tariff, the Company, at this option, may provide the requested Services. Appropriate recurring charges and/or Nonrecurring Charges and other terms and conditions will be developed for the Customer for the provisioning of such arrangements.

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- 2.14. Inspection
- 2.14.1. The Company may, upon notice, make such tests and inspections as may be necessary to determine that the requirements of this Tariff are being complied with in the Installation, operation or maintenance of Customer or the Company equipment. The Company may interrupt the Service at any time, without penalty to the Company, should Customer violate any provision herein.
- 2.15. Customer Inquires and Complaints
- 2.15.1. Customers may direct inquiries and complaints to the Company or the Commission by using the address and toll free number set forth below:

Global Communications Consulting Corp. 25 Kilmer Drive, Suite 217 Morganville, NJ 07751-1561 (800) 371-0642

rp. South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
1st Floor State Capitol Building
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501
(800) 332-1782

TTY Through Relay South Dakota

(800) 877-1113

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#### 3. <u>DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES</u>

- 3.1. Wide Area ("WATS") and Message ("MTS") Toll Services
- 3.1.1. The Company offers WATS and MTS intrastate interexchange long distance service utilizing switched or dedicated access arrangements between the Customer's Premises and the Company's facilities for call origination. Call termination is completed through a combination of Company facilities and LEC switched access arrangements.
- 3.2. Switched Inbound Service
- 3.2.1. Switched inbound service permits inward calling (via 800 codes) to a specific location utilizing premium switched, Feature Group D access on both ends.
- 3.3. Switched Outbound Service
- 3.3.1. Switched outbound services permits outward calling utilizing premium switched Feature Group D access on both the originating and terminating ends.
- 3.4. Dedicated Inbound Service
- 3.4.1. Dedicated inbound service permits inward calling (via 800 codes) to a specific location featuring the use of a dedicated, special access type connection on the terminating end. The Customer shall be responsible for all LEC charges in addition to the Recurring, Non-recurring and Usage charges set forth hereinafter.
- 3.5. Dedicated Outbound Service
- 3.5.1. Dedicated outbound service permits outward calling to stations in diverse service areas. Dedicated outbound service is distinguished from other services by the existence of a dedicated, special access connection on one end. The Customer shall be responsible for all LEC charges in addition to the Recurring, Non-recurring and Usage charges set forth hereinafter.
- 3.6. Calling Card Service
- 3.6.1. The Company's Calling Card Service permits Customers to place long distance calls utilizing Company issued Calling Cards for billing purposes.

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#### 3.7. Timing of Calls

- 3.7.1. Long distance usage charges are based on the actual usage of the Company network. Chargeable time begins when a connection is established between the Calling Station and the Called Station. Chargeable time ends when either party "hangs up" thereby releasing the network connection.
- 3.7.2. Unless otherwise specified in this Tariff, the minimum call duration for billing purposes is sixty (60) seconds. In addition, unless otherwise specified in this Tariff, usage is measured thereafter in sixty (60) second increments and rounded to the next higher sixty (60) second period.
- 3.8. Minimum Call Completion Rate
- 3.8.1. A Customer can expect a call completion rate of not less than 90% during peak use periods for all Feature Group D services.

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#### 4. RATES AND CHARGES

#### 4.1. <u>Usage Rates</u>

4.1.1. The following are the per minute usage charges which apply to all calls. These charges are in addition to the Non-recurring Charges and Recurring Charges referred to herein.

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#### 4.2. <u>Switched Inbound Usage Rates</u>

## BUSINESS DAY EVENING/NIGHT/WEEKEND

Mileage	Initial 60 Seconds	Additional 60 Seconds
ALL	\$0.20	\$0.20

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#### 4.3. Switched Outbound Usage Rates

### BUSINESS DAY EVENING/NIGHT/WEEKEND

Mileage	Initial 60 Seconds	Additional 60 Seconds
All	\$0.20	\$0.20

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#### 4.4. <u>Dedicated Inbound Usage Rates</u>

# BUSINESS DAY EVENING/NIGHT/WEEKEND

Mileage	Initial 60 Seconds	Additional 60 Seconds
All	\$0.07	\$0.07

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#### 4.5. <u>Dedicated Outbound Usage Rates</u>

# BUSINESS DAY EVENING/NIGHT/WEEKEND

Mileage	Initial 60 Seconds	Additional 60 Seconds
ALL	\$0.07	\$0.07

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#### 4.6. <u>Calling Card Usage Rates</u>

### BUSINESS DAY EVENING/NIGHT/WEEKEND

Mileage	Initial 60 Seconds	Additional 60 Seconds
ALL	\$0.35	\$0.35

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- 4.7. Reserved for future use
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- 4.9. <u>Special Promotional Offering</u>
- 4.9.1. The Company may from time to time engage in Special Promotional Offerings or Trial Service Offerings limited to certain dates, times or locations designed to attract new subscribers or increase subscriber usage when approved by Commission. Company will not have special promotional offerings for more than 90 days in any 12-month period. In all such cases, the rates charged will not exceed those specified in Section 4 hereof.
- 4.10. Emergency Calls
- 4.10.1. Customer shall configure its PBX or other switch vehicle from which a customer places a call so that 911 emergency calls, where available, and similar emergency calls will be automatically routed to the emergency answering point for the geographical location where the call originated without the intervention of Company.
- 4.11. Payphone Use Service Charge
- 4.11.1. A Payphone Use Service Charge applies to each completed interLATA and intraLATA non-sent paid message made over a pay phone owned by a utility or Customer Owned Pay Telephone (COPT) Service. This includes calling card service, collect calls, calls billed to a third number, completed calls to Directory Assistance and Prepaid Card Service calls. This charge is collected on behalf of the pay phone owner. All Customers will pay the Company a per call service charge of \$0.30.
- 4.12. Universal Connectivity Charge
- 4.12.1. Services provided pursuant to this tariff are subject to an undiscountable monthly Universal Connectivity Charge. This monthly service charge is equal to 11% of the Customer's total net intrastate, interstate and international charges, after application of all applicable discounts and credits.
  - 4.12.1.A. The Company will waive the Universal Connectivity Charge with respect to specifically identified Company charges to the extent that the Customer demonstrates to the Company's reasonable satisfaction that:
    - 1. the Customer has filed a Universal Service Worksheet with the Universal Service Administrator covering the twelfth month prior to the month for which the Customer seeks the waiver;
    - 2. the charges with respect to which the waiver is sought are for services purchased by Customer for resale; and

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- 3. the Customer will file a Universal Service Worksheet with the Universal Service Administrator in which the reported billed revenues will include all billed revenues associated with the Customer's resale of services purchased from the Company.
- 4.12.1.B. The Universal Connectivity Charge will not be waived with respect to:
  - 1. charges for services purchased by the Customer for its own use as an end user; or
  - 2. charges for which the bill date is on, prior to, or within fifteen days after, the date on which the Customer applies for a waiver with respect to those charges.

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# South Dakota Public Utilities Commission WEEKLY FILINGS

For the Period of August 22, 2002 through August 28, 2002

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#### **CONSUMER COMPLAINTS**

CT02-033 In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Denise Haerter, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, against MClWorldCom and Qwest Corporation Regarding Unauthorized Switching of Services.

Complainant states that she has three phone lines into her home and two of the lines were switched to MCI without authorization. Complainant wants MCI or Qwest to be fined the \$1,000.00 per line as stated in the South Dakota slamming law, a letter of apology from the company, and a removal of all charges.

Staff Analyst: Mary Healy Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer Date Docketed: 08/22/02 Intervention Deadline: N/A

CT02-034

In the Matter of the Complaint filed by John M. Rice on behalf of Rice Insurance Agency, Inc., Sioux Falls, South Dakota, against McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. Regarding Telephone Book Listing, Poor Service, Contract Dispute, No Long Distance or 800# Service.

Complainant states that it began having problems with McLeod in 2001. After Complainant relocated its business, McLeod omitted putting the Complainant's new address in the McLeod phone book. When Complainant decided to change providers, it contacted McLeod to see if it could match the offer that was made by Qwest, and McLeod did not respond to the offer. Complainant switched its local service to Qwest and left its long distance and 800# with McLeod. Complainant continued to be billed for its service with McLeod and a fee for canceling its local service. Although Complainant paid its long distance charges, its service was disconnected for several days. Complainant switched its remaining service to Sprint, but McLeod would not release its 800# until it paid a termination of contract fee of \$3,245.00 to McLeod. Complainant paid the fee in order to get its 800# working with Sprint. Complainant has now received another termination of contract bill from McLeod for \$10,000.00. Complainant requests a refund of the termination of contract fees that it has paid, the removal of any other penalty from McLeod, and reimbursement for loss of business, down-time and inconvenience to its business.

Staff Analyst: Amy Kayser Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier Date Docketed: 08/27/02 Intervention Deadline: N/A

#### **NATURAL GAS**

NG02-006 In the Matter of the Filing by NorthWestern Energy for Approval of Tariff Revisions.

Application by NorthWestern Energy to update its fuel retention percentage for natural gas transportation service. NorthWestern Energy's tariff provides that the fuel retention percentage be adjusted annually with the updated percentage to be effective October 1 of each year.

Staff Analyst: Dave Jacobson Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier Date Docketed: 08/23/02

Intervention Deadline: 09/13/02

NG02-007 In the Matter of the Filing by MidAmerican Energy Company for Approval of Continuation of the IGSPP.

Application by MidAmerican Energy to Continue its Incentive Gas Supply Procurement Program (IGSPP). This program was initially approved by the Commission for a three-year period in 1995, and was approved with modifications for a second three-year period in 1999. This filing proposes to further extend application of the plan, with modifications, to be effective through October 31, 2005. The IGSPP compares actual gas supply costs to a benchmark and allows for a sharing of the difference between ratepayers and MidAmerican Energy.

Staff Analyst: Dave Jacobson Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier Date Docketed: 08/27/02

Intervention Deadline: 09/13/02

#### **TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

TC02-109 In the Matter of the Application of NECC Telecom, Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Interexchange Telecommunications Services in South Dakota.

NECC Telecom, Inc. has filed an application with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission for a Certificate of Authority to provide interexchange service in South Dakota. The applicant intends to provide resold interexchange service, including 1+ and 101XXXX outbound dialing, 800/888 toll-free inbound dialing, directory assistance, data services and travel card service to customers throughout South Dakota.

Staff Analyst: Heather Forney Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier Date Docketed: 08/23/02

Intervention Deadline: 09/13/02

# TC02-110 In the Matter of the Application of Voicecom Telecommunications, LLC to Approve the Transfer of the Certificate of Authority of Premiere Communications, Inc.

On February 13, 1996, Premiere Communications, Inc. received a Certificate of Authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services in South Dakota. On August 26, 2002, Voicecom Telecommunications, LLC (VTL), Voicecom Telecommunications, Inc. (VTI) and Premiere Communications, Inc. (PCI) filed a joint application to transfer the Certificate of Authority of PCI to VTL. VTL intends to offer post-paid long distance calling card services throughout South Dakota through resale.

Staff Analyst: Keith Senger Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier Date Docketed: 08/26/02

Intervention Deadline: 09/13/02

TC02-111 In the Matter of the Request of Citizens Telecommunications Company of Minnesota, Inc. For Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On August 26, 2002, Citizens Telecommunications Company of Minnesota, Inc. (Citizens) provided information constituting Citizens' plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Citizens will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best

Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer

Date Docketed: 08/26/02

Intervention Deadline: 09/06/02

In the Matter of the Application of Global Communications Consulting Corp. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Interexchange Telecommunications Services in South Dakota.

Global Communications Consulting Corp. is seeking a Certificate of Authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services in South Dakota. The Applicant intends to offer a full range of interexchange services on a resale basis. Services include direct dial, MTS, in-WATS, out-WATS and Calling Card services.

Staff Analyst: Keith Senger Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier Date Docketed: 08/28/02

Intervention Deadline: 09/13/02

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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Debra Elofson, Executive Director South Dakota Public Utilities Commission State Capitol Building 500 East Capital Avenue Pierre, SD 57501

RE:

Global Communications Consulting Corp.

Docket No. TC02-112

Dear Ms. Elofson:

In accordance with Staff member Keith Senger's first data request, please find an original and ten (10) copies of the above captioned corporation's revised tariff pages 17-20 and 22.

Should you have any questions, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

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  The Company reserves the right to discontinue frue frue shows the property of the control 2.1.9. Company's control include, but are not limited to, a Customer's having Call volume or a calling pattern that results, or may result, in network blockage or other Service degradation which adversely affects Service to the calling party, the Customer, or other Customers of the Company.
- 2.1.10. Except as otherwise provided in this Tariff or as specified in writing by the party entitled to receive Service, notice may be given orally or in writing to the persons whose names and business addresses appear on the executed Service order and the effective date of any notice shall be the date of delivery of such notice, not the date of mailing. By written notice, Company or Customer may change the party to receive notice and/or the address to which such notice is to be delivered. In the event no Customer or Company address is provided in the executed Service order, notice shall be given to the last known business address of Customer or, as appropriate.

#### 2.2. Other Terms and Conditions

- The name(s) of the Customer(s) desiring to use the Service must be stipulated in the 2.2.1. Application for Service.
- The Customer agrees to operate the Company provided equipment in accordance with 2.2.2. instructions of the Company or the Company's agent. Failure to do so will void the Company liability for interruption of Service and may make Customer responsible for damage to equipment pursuant to Section 2.2.3 below.
- Customer agrees to return to the Company all Company-provided equipment delivered to Customer within five (5) days of termination of the Service in connection with which the equipment was used. Said equipment shall be in the same condition as when delivered to Customer, normal wear and tear only excepted. Customer shall reimburse the Company, upon demand, for any costs incurred by the Company due to Customer's failure to comply with this provision.
- A Customer shall not use any service-mark or trademark of the Company or refer to the 2.2.4. Company in connection with any product, equipment, promotion, or publication of the Customer without prior written approval of the Company.
- In the event suit is brought or any attorney is retained by the Company to enforce the terms of this Tariff, the Company shall be entitled to request recovery, in addition to any other remedy, reimbursement for reasonable attorneys' fees, court costs, costs of investigation and other related expenses incurred in connection therewith.
- The provision of Service will not create a partnership or joint venture between the Company 2.2.6. and the Customer nor result in joint Service offerings to their respective Customers.

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- 2.2.7. The rate or volume discount level applicable to a Customer for a particular Service or Services shall be the rate or volume discount level in effect at the beginning of the monthly billing period applicable to the Customer for the particular Service or Services. When a Service is subject to a minimum monthly charge, account charge, port charge or other recurring charge or Nonrecurring Charge for both intrastate and interstate Service, only one such charge shall apply per account and that charge shall be the interstate charge.
- 2.2.8. Service requested by Customer and to be provided pursuant to this Tariff shall be requested on Company Service Order forms in effect from time to time or Customer's forms accepted in writing by an authorized headquarters representative of the Company (collectively referred to as "Service Orders").
- 2.2.9. If an entity other than the company (e.g., another carrier or a supplier) imposes charges on the Company in connection with a Service that entity's charges will be passed through to the Customer also.
- 2.2.10. The Service Commitment Period for any Service shall be established by the Service Order relevant thereto and commence on the Start of Service Date. Upon expiration, each Service Commitment Period for such Service shall automatically be extended subject to written notice of termination by either Company or Customer as of a date not less than thirty (30) days after delivery of said notice to the other. The charges for Interexchange Service during any such extension shall not exceed the then current Company month-to-month charges applicable to such Service.

#### 2.3. Liability

- 2.3.1. Except as provided otherwise in this Tariff, the Company shall not be liable to Customer or any other person, firm or entity for any failure of performance hereunder if such failure is due to any cause or causes beyond the reasonable control of the Company. Such causes shall include, without limitation, acts of God, fire, explosion, vandalism, cable cut, storm or other similar occurrence, any law, order, regulation, direction, action or request of the United States government or of any other government or of any civil or military authority, national emergencies, insurrections, riots, wars, strikes, lockouts or work stoppages or other labor difficulties, supplier failures, shortages, breaches or delays, or preemption of existing Services to restore service in compliance with Part 64, Subpart D, Appendix A, of the FCC's Rules and Regulations.
- 2.3.2. With respect to the Services contained herein and except as otherwise provided herein, the Company's liability shall be determined in accordance with SDCL 49-13-1, 49-13-1.1 and any other applicable law.

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- 2.3.3. The Company is not liable for any act or omission of any other company or companies (including any Company affiliate that is a participating or concurring carrier) furnishing a portion of the Service or facilities, equipment, or Services associated with such Service.
- 2.3.4. The Customer is responsible for taking all necessary legal steps for interconnecting the Customer provided terminal equipment with the Company facilities. The Customer shall ensure that the signals emitted into the Company's network do not damage Company equipment, injure personnel or degrade Service to other Customers. The Customer is responsible for securing all licenses, permits, rights-of-way, and other arrangements necessary for such interconnection. In addition, the customer shall comply with applicable LEC signal power limitations.
- 2.3.5. The Company may rely on Local Exchange Carriers or other third parties for the performance of other Services such as Local Access. Upon Customer request and execution and delivery of appropriate authorizing documents, the Company may act as agent for Customer in obtaining such other Services. Customer's liability for charges hereunder shall not be reduced by untimely Installation or non-operation of Customer provided facilities and equipment.
- 2.3.6. The failure to give notice of default, to enforce or insist upon compliance with any of the terms or conditions herein, the waiver of any term or conditions herein, or the granting of an extension of time for performance by the Company or the Customer shall not constitute the permanent waiver of any term or condition herein. Each of the provisions shall remain at all times in full force and effect until modified in writing.

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- 2.3.7. In the event parties other than Customer (e.g., Customer's customers) shall have use of the Service directly or indirectly through Customer, then Customer agrees to forever indemnify and hold Company and any affiliated or unaffiliated third-party, third-party provider or operator of facilities employed in provision of the Service harmless from and against any and all claims, demands, suits, actions, losses, damages, assessments or payments which may be asserted by said parties arising out of or relating to any Defects.
- 2.3.8. In the event that Company is required to perform a Circuit redesign due to inaccurate information provided by the Customer; or, circumstances in which such costs and expenses are caused by the Customer or reasonably incurred by the Company for the benefit of the Customer, the Customer is responsible for the payment of all such charges.
- 2.4. Cancellation of Service by a Customer
- 2.4.1. If a Customer cancels a Service Order before the Service begins, before completion of the Minimum Period, or before completion of some other period mutually agreed upon by the Customer and the Company, a charge will be levied upon the Customer for the nonrecoverable portions of expenditures or liabilities incurred expressly on behalf of the Customer by the Company and not fully reimbursed by Installation and monthly charges. If, based on a Service order by a Customer, any construction has either begun or been completed, but no Services provided, the nonrecoverable costs of such construction shall be borne by the Customer.
- 2.4.2. Upon thirty (30) days' prior written notice, either Customer or Company shall have the right, without cancellation charge or other liability, to cancel the affected portion of the Service, if the Company is prohibited by governmental authority from furnishing said portion, or if any material rate or term contained herein and relevant to the affected Service is substantially changed by order of the highest court of competent jurisdiction to which the matter is appeal, the Federal Communications Commission, or other local, state or federal government authority.

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2.5.3. The discontinuance of Service(s) by the Company pursuant to this Section does not relieve the Customer of any obligations to pay the Company for charges due and owing for Service(s) furnished up to the time of discontinuance. The remedies set forth herein shall not be exclusive and the Company shall at all times be entitled to all rights available to it under either law or equity.

#### 2.6. Credit Allowance

- 2.6.1. Credit allowance or other credits for the interruption of Service is subject to the general liability provisions set forth in this Tariff. Customers shall receive no credit allowance for the interruption of service that is due to the Company's testing or adjusting, negligence of the Customer, or to the failure of channels or equipment provided by the Customer. The Customer should notify the Company when the Customer is aware of any interruption in Service for which a credit allowance is desired. Before giving such notice, the Customer shall ascertain that the trouble is not being caused by any action or omission within Customer's control, or is not in wiring or equipment, if any, furnished by the Customer in connection with the Company's Services.
- 2.6.2. No credit is allowed in the event service must be interrupted in order to provide routine service quality or related investigations.
- 2.6.3. No credit shall be allowed:
  - 2.6.3.A. For failure of services or facilities of Customer; or
  - 2.6.3.B. For failure of services or equipment caused by the negligence or willful acts of Customer.
- 2.6.4. Credit for an interruption shall commence after Customer notifies Company of the interruption and ceases when services have been restored.
- 2.6.5. Credits are applicable only to that portion of Service interrupted.
- 2.6.6. For purposes of credit computation, every month shall be considered to have 720 hours.
- 2.6.7. No credit shall be allowed for an interruption of a continuous duration of less than two hours.
- 2.6.8. The Customer shall be credited for an interruption of two hours or more at a rate of 1/720th of the monthly recurring charge for the service affected for each hour or major fraction thereof that the interruption continues. Calculations of the credit shall be made in accordance with the following formula.

Credit Formula: Credit = 
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<sup>&</sup>quot;A" = outage time in hours

<sup>&</sup>quot;B" = total monthly charge for affected facility

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ,	ORDER GRANTING
GLOBAL COMMUNICATIONS CONSULTING (	CERTIFICATE OF
CORP. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY (	AUTHORITY
TO PROVIDE INTEREXCHANGE (	
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN (	TC02-112
SOUTH DAKOTA	

On August 28, 2002, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission), in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02, received an application for a certificate of authority from Global Communications Consulting Corp. (Global).

Global proposes to provide interexchange telecommunications services throughout South Dakota on a resale basis. A proposed tariff was filed by Global. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On August 29, 2002, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of September 13, 2002, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its October 17, 2002, meeting, the Commission considered Global's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority subject to the condition that Global not offer a prepaid calling card or require or accept deposits or advanced payments without prior approval of the Commission. Commission Staff further recommended a waiver of ARSD 20:10:24:02(8) and that the certificate of authority have an effective date of October 28, 2002.

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 Global has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Global has, in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3, demonstrated sufficient technical, financial and managerial capabilities to offer telecommunications services in South Dakota. Further, the Commission finds that there is good cause to waive ARSD 20:10:24:02:(8). The Commission approves Global's application for a certificate of authority. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that Global's application for a certificate of authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services is hereby granted subject to the condition that Global not offer a prepaid calling card or require or accept deposits or advanced payments without prior approval of the Commission, effective October 28, 2002. It is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the Commission waives ARSD 20:10:24:02(8). It is

FURTHER ORDERED, that Global shall file informational copies of tariff changes

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 20 day of October, 2002.

#### **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, by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.

By: I (na louglas)

Date: 11/1/02

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

AMES A. BURG, Chairman

PAM NELSON, Commissioner

ROBERT K. SAHR, Commissioner

# SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

#### **CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY**

To Conduct Business As A Telecommunications Company
Within The State of South Dakota

Authority was Granted effective October 28, 2002 Docket No. TC02-112

This is to certify that

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is authorized to provide interexchange telecommunications services in South Dakota, subject to the condition that it not offer a prepaid calling card or require or accept deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission.

This certificate is issued in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02, and is subject to all of the conditions and limitations contained in the rules and statutes governing its conduct of offering telecommunications services.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 28th day of October, 2002.

SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION:

AMES A. BURG, Chairman

PAM NELSON, Commissioner

ROBERT K. SAHR. Commissioner