

SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

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

Authority was Granted as of the date of the
Order Granting Certificate of Authority
Docket No. TC05-069

This is to certify that

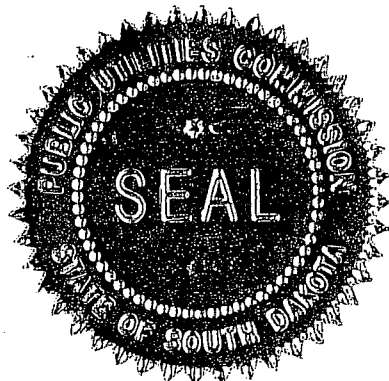
METROPOLITAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS OF SOUTH DAKOTA, INC.

is authorized to provide interexchange telecommunications services, including local exchange services in nonrural areas in South Dakota, subject to the condition that it not offer any prepaid services (including prepaid calling cards) and not accept or require any deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission.

This certificate is issued in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3 and 49-31-69 and ARSD 20:10:24:02 and 20:10:32:03, 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 13th day of July, 2005.

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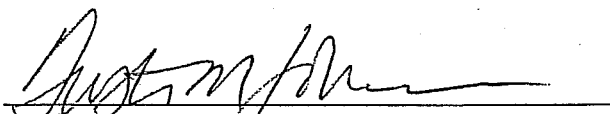




GARY HANSON, Chairman



ROBERT K. SAHR, Commissioner



DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner