

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC  
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Application of )  
Americatel Corporation for an Amended )  
Certificate of Authority to Permit the )  
Company to Restrict its Authority in )  
Regards to its ability to provide )  
Pre-Paid Services )

Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICATION FOR AMENDED CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

Americatel Corporation ("Applicant" or "Americatel") hereby applies to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") for an order amending its Certificate of Authority ("Application") to permit Applicant to remove the Authority granted in Docket No. TCOO-137 to offer prepaid calling cards in the state of South Dakota. In support of its Application, Applicant provides the following information:

1. Applicant's name, current address, telephone number, and main facsimile number are as follows:

Americatel Corporation  
7361 Calhoun Place  
Suite 650  
Rockville, MD 20855  
Telephone: 301.610.4300  
Facsimile: 301.610.4416

2. Correspondence and communications regarding this Application should be directed to:

Aurora Ares  
Assistant General Counsel  
Americatel Corporation  
7361 Calhoun Place  
Suite 650  
Rockville, MD 20855  
Telephone: 301.610.4339  
Facsimile: 240.314.4219  
E-Mail: aares@americatel.net

3. Applicant was granted a Certificate of Authority to offer prepaid calling card services in South Dakota in Docket TC00-137, the terms of which were contingent upon Applicant providing a \$25,000 indemnity bond naming the Commission and the South Dakota consumers as beneficiaries. In response Americatel established Bond No. 21BSBAP3297 through the Hartford Insurance Company in the amount of \$25,000. The Bond was set to expire in December 2006.

4. In November of 2006, Applicant petitioned the Commission for a waiver of the bond requirement. Applicant provided its audited 2005 financial statements and Applicants 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2006 un-audited income and balance sheet as demonstration of our financial liability.

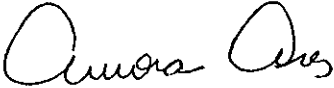
5. The Commission's staff did not support that request on the basis of our 2005 financials. In August of 2007, applicant submitted its 2006 Audited Financial Statements for further consideration in the hope of obtaining the waiver.

6. Americatel feels confident that The Hartford would renew our bond based on our 2005 and 2006 financials. However, the cost of the bond does not make business sense when considering Americatel's small revenue base in South Dakota. Although Americatel would prefer not to withdraw from any potential prepaid market it may have in the state of South Dakota, presently, Americatel does not have any prepaid customers in South Dakota.

WHEREFORE, Americatel Corporation respectfully requests the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission to issue an order Amending its Certificate of Authority to remove the Authority granted to provide prepaid calling card services in the state of South Dakota.

Respectfully submitted this 17th day of March 2008.

Americatel Corporation

By:   
Aurora Ares, Assistant General Counsel

VERIFICATION OF APPLICANT

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STATE OF MARYLAND )  
 ) ss: Rockville  
COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY )

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I, Aurora Ares, being first duly sworn and deposed, depose and state the following:

I am the Assistant General Counsel of Americatel Corporation, the Applicant in the proceeding entitled above:

I have read the read the forgoing Application and know the contents thereof; The statements made therein are true to the best of my knowledge and belief; and As to those matters that are therein stated on belief, I believe them to be true.

Aurora Ares  
Aurora Ares

Subscribed and sworn to before me, Anthony F. Chite a Notary Public in the state of Maryland, residing at 19105 OLNEY MILL RD this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 2008. OLNEY, MD 20832

Anthony F. Chite  
Signature of Notary

My Commission expires: 3/9/2012  
Date