

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Please find the attached letter, in which American Fiber Network, Inc. (“AFN”) requests to relinquish its certificate to offer competitive telecommunications services in South Dakota. AFN was authorized by the Public Utilities Commission of the state of South Dakota to provide these services in Order No. TC06-098 which was granted on December 4, 2006.

AFN is in the process of exiting the industry. On December 17, 2010, AFN completed a transaction to transfer the majority of its customers in other states to Birch Communications Inc. AFN no longer plans to provide any services in South Dakota. As a result, AFN must discontinue service to the remainder of its customers in the State. AFN requests that its authorization be cancelled as of February 16, 2011. AFN further requests that its existing tariffs on file with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission be cancelled as of February 16, 2011.

AFN currently provides long distance and payphone service to 3 customers in South Dakota. AFN intends to discontinue service to customers as of January 21, 2011. In compliance with SDR 20:10:32:13, customers were notified of the discontinuation of service on December 15, 2010 via mail, 30 days in advance. A copy of the notice given to customers is attached. Given that AFN did not accept customer deposits, it will not need to provide customer refunds as a result of its discontinuance of service. To the extent that a customer has paid a monthly bill and service is discontinued before the end of the month, AFN will refund the prorated amount for the remainder of the month by check. The market for local, long distance, and payphone services provided in South Dakota is competitive, and customers have a range of choices among other service providers.

AFN does not currently owe any outstanding debt to local exchange carriers or other carriers, and therefore will not need to make arrangements to satisfy such debt.

Please confirm receipt of this filing and feel free to contact me, via the contact information below, with any questions.



December 17, 2010

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Patricia Van Gerpen
Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
Capitol Building, 1st Floor
500 E. Capitol Ave.
Pierre, SD 57501

Re: American Fiber Network, Inc.'s Application to Withdraw its Certificate of Authority in South Dakota

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Please contact the undersigned with any questions.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

Dear Customer,

This letter will serve as formal notice that American Fiber Network, Inc. ("AFN") will discontinue its provision of all services, including local, long distance, Internet, VoIP, and payphone services, in South Dakota on January 21, 2011.

AFN is providing you with notice of our discontinuance of service in order to ensure that you will have ample time to make other arrangements for replacement service. Please note that services will not be transferred automatically to another carrier. In order for you to maintain uninterrupted service, you must make arrangements with an alternative service provider well in advance of the termination date. You should begin that process immediately.

The Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments as soon as possible, but no later than 15 days after the FCC releases public notice of the proposed discontinuance. Address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, Washington, DC 20554, and include in your comments a reference to the § 63.71 Application of AFN. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

If you have any questions, please contact AFN:

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