

Docket Number: TC15-068
Subject Matter: First Data Request
Request to: Stratus Networks, Inc.
Request from: South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Staff
Date of Request: October 28, 2015
Responses Due: November 12, 2015

- 1-10. Explain the circumstances as to how Stratus Networks, Inc. provided telecommunications service in South Dakota starting July 2013 without the necessary certificate of authority from the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission.

RESPONSE: Stratus, filed a PUC annual report in 2014 that included revenue for interstate long distance that was less than \$100 for the calendar year. Stratus's previous compliance company did not advise Stratus to request IXC certification since the amount of revenue in South Dakota for regulated services was de minimis. Recently Stratus has decided to pursue IXC certification in South Dakota under advisement from its current Regulatory firm even though its revenue is still de minimis for regulated services. Stratus is following this process to support possible future growth in South Dakota for regulated services.