

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	ORDER GRANTING
MIDDLE MILE INFRASTRUCTURE, LLC)	CERTIFICATE OF
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY FOR)	AUTHORITY
INTEREXCHANGE SERVICE IN THE STATE)	
OF SOUTH DAKOTA)	TC21-111

On September 1, 2021, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from Middle Mile Infrastructure, LLC (MMI) for a Certificate of Authority to provide interexchange long distance services in South Dakota. MMI intends to construct, operate, and maintain a fiber-based telecommunications network and provide services primarily through its own facilities. MMI will offer point-to-point data transmission services, including Wavelength services and other high-capacity telecommunications services, providing customers with mission-critical infrastructure and redundancy.

On September 2, 2021, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of September 17, 2021, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On November 3, 2021, MMI responded to Commission staff's data requests.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31, specifically 49-31-3, and ARSD 20:10:24:02.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of November 12, 2021, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that MMI not offer any prepaid services, including prepaid calling cards, and does not accept or require any deposits or advanced payments, for retail purposes, without prior approval of the Commission. The Commission finds that MMI has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. MMI has, in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3, demonstrated sufficient technical, financial, and managerial capabilities to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in South Dakota. The Commission voted unanimously to grant MMI a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that MMI not offer any prepaid services, including prepaid calling cards, and does not accept or require any deposits or advance payments, for retail purposes, without prior approval of the Commission. It is therefore

ORDERED, that MMI's application for a certificate of authority to provide interexchange services is granted, subject to the condition that MMI not offer any prepaid services, including prepaid calling cards, and not accept or require any deposits or advance payments, for retail purposes, without prior approval of the Commission. It is

FURTHER ORDERED, that this order constitutes MMI's Certificate of Authority as described above.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 15th day of November 2021.

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, electronically or by mail.
By: <u>Karen E. Cremer</u>
Date: <u>11/15/21</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



CHRIS NELSON, Chairman



KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner



GARY HANSON, Commissioner