

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING FOR)	ORDER GRANTING
APPROVAL OF TRANSFER OF CERTIFICATE)	CERTIFICATE OF
OF AUTHORITY FROM GE CAPITAL)	AUTHORITY
COMMUNICATION SERVICES CORPORATION)	
TO GE CAPITAL TELEMAGEMENT)	TC01-048
SERVICES CORPORATION)	

On May 10, 2001, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission), in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02 and ARSD 20:10:24:04.1, received an application for a transfer of a certificate of authority from GE Capital Communication Services Corporation (GECCS) to GE Capital Telemagement Services Corporation (GECTS). On July 2, 2001, the Commission received an electronic mail message from GECTS requesting a new certificate of authority for GECTS in lieu of the transfer requested in the original application.

GECTS proposes to provide interexchange services in South Dakota. GECTS proposes to reorganize such that GECCS will merge downward into GECTS, with GECTS serving GECC's intrastate customer base. Immediately after the merger GECTS will change its name to GE Business Productivity Solutions, Inc. (GEBPS). A proposed tariff was filed by GECTS. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On May 17, 2001, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of June 1, 2001, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its July 10, 2001, meeting, the Commission considered GECTS' request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to a continuous \$25,000 surety bond. Commission Staff further recommended a waiver of ARSD 20:10:24:02(8).

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31, specifically 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02 and 20:10:24:03. The Commission finds that GECTS has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. GECTS has, in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3, demonstrated sufficient technical, financial and managerial capabilities to offer telecommunications services in South Dakota. Further, the Commission finds that there is good cause to waive ARSD 20:10:24:02(8). The Commission approves GECTS' application for a certificate of authority, subject to a continuous \$25,000 surety bond. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that GECTS' application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted, subject to a continuous \$25,000 surety bond. It is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the Commission finds good cause to waive ARSD 20:10:24:02(8). It is

FURTHER ORDERED, that GECTS shall file informational copies of tariff changes with the Commission as the changes occur.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 12th day of July, 2001.

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, by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.	
By:	<u><i>Nelsine Koeps</i></u>
Date:	<u>7/13/01</u>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner