

**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)	TRANSFER OF CERTIFICATE
OF AUTHORITY FROM PREMIERE)	OF AUTHORITY
COMMUNICATIONS, INC. TO VOICECOM)	
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, LLC)	TC02-110

On August 26, 2002, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission), in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:04.01 and 20:10:24:04.02, received an application for the transfer of a certificate of authority from Premiere Communications, Inc. (Premiere), to Voicecom Telecommunications, LLC (Voicecom).

Voicecom intends to offer post-paid long distance calling card services throughout South Dakota through resale.

On August 29, 2002, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of September 13, 2002, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its December 19, 2002, meeting, the Commission considered the request for transfer of certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended transferring the certificate of authority from Premiere to Voicecom, subject to the condition that Voicecom not offer a prepaid calling card or require or accept deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Chapter 49-31, specifically 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:04.01 and 20:10:24:04.02. The Commission finds that Voicecom has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Voicecom has, in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3, demonstrated sufficient technical, financial and managerial capabilities to offer telecommunications services in South Dakota. The Commission approves the application for transfer of certificate of authority from Premiere to Voicecom, subject to the condition that Voicecom not offer a prepaid calling card or require or accept deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that the application for transfer of certificate of authority from Premiere to Voicecom is hereby granted, subject to the condition that Voicecom not offer a prepaid calling card or require or accept deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. It is

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 3rd day of January, 2003.

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 facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.

By: *Helaine Kalbo*

Date: *1/6/03*

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner *dk*

Robert K. Sahr
ROBERT K. SAHR, Commissioner