

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF )</b>	<b>ORDER GRANTING</b>
<b>ENTRIX TELECOM, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE )</b>	<b>CERTIFICATE OF</b>
<b>OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE )</b>	<b>AUTHORITY</b>
<b>INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS )</b>	
<b>SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA )</b>	<b>TC03-056</b>

On March 12, 2003, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission), in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02, received an application for a certificate of authority from Entrix Telecom, Inc. (Entrix).

Entrix proposes to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications services, including prepaid calling card services to consumers from all points within the state. A proposed tariff was filed by Entrix. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On March 13, 2003, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of March 28, 2003, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its April 15, 2003, meeting, the Commission considered Entrix's 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 Entrix has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Entrix 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 subparagraph (8) of ARSD 20:10:24:02. The Commission approves Entrix's 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 Entrix's application for a certificate of authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services is hereby granted, effective May 12, 2003, subject to a continuous \$25,000 surety bond. It is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that the Commission waives subparagraph (8) of ARSD 20:10:24:02. It is

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2003.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>By: <u><i>Dulaine Kolbo</i></u></p> <p>Date: <u>4/24/03</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

*Robert K. Sahr*  
ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

*Gary Hanson*  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

*James A. Burg*  
JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner