

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
CAT COMMUNICATIONS INTERNATIONAL,)
INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY)
TO PROVIDE INTEREXCHANGE)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES AND)
LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICES IN SOUTH)
DAKOTA)**

**ORDER DENYING
CERTIFICATE OF
AUTHORITY

TC03-199**

On December 15, 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 CAT Communications International, Inc. (CAT).

CAT proposes to offer local, intrastate and interstate long distance service to residential customers using UNE-P, resale and its own switch.

On December 18, 2003, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of January 2, 2004, to interested individuals and entities. At its regularly scheduled May 11, 2004, meeting, the Commission considered CAT's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended denying the certificate of authority and closing the docket as CAT had failed to adequately provide information required by Staff.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Chapter 49-31, specifically 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02 and 20:10:24:03. The Commission finds that CAT has not met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. CAT has not, in accordance with SDCL 49-31-69, demonstrated sufficient technical, financial and managerial capabilities to offer telecommunications services in South Dakota. Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:32:06 the Commission voted to deny CAT's application for a certificate of authority. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that CAT's application for a certificate of authority is hereby denied.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this _____ day of May, 2004.

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.
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Date: _____
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

GARY HANSON, Commissioner

JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner