

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING FOR)
APPROVAL OF TRANSFER OF CERTIFICATE)
OF AUTHORITY FROM GE BUSINESS)
PRODUCTIVITY SOLUTIONS, INC. TO)
BUSINESS PRODUCTIVITY SOLUTIONS, INC.)**

**ORDER GRANTING
TRANSFER OF CERTIFICATE
OF AUTHORITY**

TC04-214

On November 2, 2004, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission), received an application for the transfer of a certificate of authority from GE Business Productivity Solutions, Inc. (GEBPS) to Business Productivity Solutions, Inc. (BPS).

BPS proposes to offer interexchange telecommunications services in South Dakota.

On November 4, 2004, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of November 19, 2004, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its December 28, 2004, meeting, the Commission considered the request for transfer of certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended transferring the certificate of authority from GEBPS to BPS. Commission Staff also recommended that GEBPS notify the Commission, in writing, when it ceases operation of its business.

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 BPS has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. BPS 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 GEBPS to BPS. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that the application for transfer of certificate of authority from GEBPS to BPS is hereby granted, effective January 1, 2005. It is

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

FURTHER ORDERED, that GEBPS shall notify the Commission in writing when it ceases operation of its business.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 29th day of December, 2004.

<p>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</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 facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.</p> <p>By: _____</p> <p>Date: _____</p> <p style="text-align:center">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

GARY HANSON, Commissioner

JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner