

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

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF) | ORDER GRANTING |
| NETWORK SERVICE BILLING, INC. FOR A) | CERTIFICATE OF |
| CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE) | AUTHORITY |
| INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS) | |
| SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA) | TC05-063 |

On May 18, 2005, 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 Network Service Billing, Inc. (Network Service).

Network Service proposes to offer direct and dial around services, toll free calling, directory assistance, data services and postpaid calling card services. A proposed tariff was filed by Network Service. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On May 19, 2005, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of June 3, 2005, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its June 14, 2005, meeting, the Commission considered Network Service's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority effective July 18, 2005, subject to the condition that Network Service not offer any prepaid services (including prepaid calling cards) and not accept or require any deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. 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 Network Service has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Network Service 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 Network Service's application for a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that Network Service not offer any prepaid services (including prepaid calling cards) and not accept or require any deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that Network Service's application for a certificate of authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services is hereby granted, effective July 18, 2005, subject to the condition that Network Service not offer any prepaid services (including prepaid calling cards) and not accept or require any deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. It is

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

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 28th day of June, 2005.

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| 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>Helaine Kolbo</u> |
| Date: | <u>6/29/05</u> |
| (OFFICIAL SEAL) | |

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Robert K. Sahr
ROBERT K. SAHR, Commissioner

Dustin M. Johnson
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner