

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	ORDER GRANTING
ASIA TALK TELECOM, INC. D/B/A)	CERTIFICATE OF
HELLOCOM INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF)	AUTHORITY
AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE INTEREXCHANGE)	
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN)	TC05-180
SOUTH DAKOTA)	

On October 7, 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 Asia Talk Telecom, Inc. d/b/a HelloCom Inc. (Asia Talk Telecom). A proposed tariff was filed by Asia Talk Telecom. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On October 13, 2005, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of October 28, 2005, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its February 28, 2006, meeting, the Commission considered Asia Talk Telecom's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that Asia Talk Telecom 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 Asia Talk Telecom has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Asia Talk Telecom, 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 Asia Talk Telecom's application for a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that Asia Talk Telecom 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 Asia Talk Telecom's application for a certificate of authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services is hereby granted, subject to the condition that Asia Talk Telecom 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 Asia Talk Telecom shall file informational copies of tariff changes with the Commission as the changes occur.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 16th day of March, 2006.

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>Tina Douglas</u>
Date: <u>3/20/06</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Robert K. Sahr

ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

Dustin M. Johnson

DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner