

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
DELTEL, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF)
AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE INTEREXCHANGE)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN)
SOUTH DAKOTA)

ORDER GRANTING
CERTIFICATE OF
AUTHORITY
TC05-115

On August 3, 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 DelTel Inc. (DelTel). A proposed tariff was filed by DelTel. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On August 4, 2005, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of August 19, 2005, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its April 11, 2006, meeting, the Commission considered DelTel'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 DelTel has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. DelTel, 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 DelTel's application for a certificate of authority, subject to a \$25,000 surety bond. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that DelTel's application for a certificate of authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services is hereby granted, subject to a continuous \$25,000 surety bond. It is

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

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 5th day of May, 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: Tina Douglas

Date: May 5, 2006

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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