

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ) NORTHSTAR TELECOM, INC. FOR A ) CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE ) INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ) SERVICES AND LOCAL EXCHANGE ) SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA )	ORDER PERMITTING WITHDRAWAL OF APPLICATION AND CLOSING DOCKET  TC06-020
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On March 20, 2006, Northstar Telecom, Inc. (Northstar) filed an application with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for a certificate of authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services and local exchange services in South Dakota.

On March 23, 2006, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of April 7, 2006, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed.

On July 28, 2006, Northstar requested that its application for a certificate of authority be withdrawn, without prejudice.

At its regularly scheduled August 23, 2006, meeting, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-31-3 and ARSD Chapters 20:10:24 and 20:10:32. The Commission found that Northstar's request to withdraw its request for a certificate of authority is reasonable and closed the docket. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Northstar shall be permitted to withdraw its request for a certificate of authority, without prejudice; and it is further

ORDERED, that this docket is closed.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2006.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>
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.
By: <u><i>Aldine Kalbo</i></u>
Date: <u>9/11/06</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