

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF )</b>	<b>ORDER GRANTING</b>
<b>MATRIX TELECOM, INC. d/b/a MATRIX )</b>	<b>CERTIFICATE OF</b>
<b>BUSINESS TECHNOLOGIES FOR A )</b>	<b>AUTHORITY</b>
<b>CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE )</b>	
<b>LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICES IN SOUTH )</b>	<b>TC07-006</b>
<b>DAKOTA. )</b>	

On January 18, 2007, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application for a certificate of authority from Matrix Telecom, Inc. d/b/a Matrix Business Technologies (Matrix).

On January 25, 2007, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of February 9, 2007, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its regularly scheduled April 10, 2007, meeting, the Commission considered Matrix's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to a continuous \$25,000 surety bond, and subject to rural safeguards.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31, specifically 49-31-69 and ARSD 20:10:32:03. The Commission finds that Matrix has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Matrix has, in accordance with SDCL 49-31-71, demonstrated sufficient technical, financial and managerial capabilities to offer telecommunications services in South Dakota.

The Commission approves Matrix's application for a certificate of authority, subject to a continuous \$25,000 surety bond, and subject to rural safeguards. The certificate of authority for Matrix shall authorize it to offer local exchange services in South Dakota, except in those areas served by a rural telephone company. In the future, should Matrix choose to provide local exchange services statewide, with respect to rural telephone companies, Matrix will have to come before the Commission in another proceeding before being able to provide local service in that rural service area pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 253(f) which allows the Commission to require a company that seeks to provide service in a rural service area to meet the requirements in 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(1) for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier. In addition, the granting of statewide certification will not affect the exemptions, suspensions, and modifications for rural telephone companies found in 47 U.S.C. § 251(f). It is therefore

ORDERED, that Matrix's application for a certificate of authority to provide local exchange services is granted, subject to a continuous \$25,000 surety bond. It is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the Commission shall authorize Matrix to offer its local exchange services in South Dakota, except in those areas served by a rural telephone company. It is

FURTHER ORDERED, that this order constitutes your certificate of authority as described above.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2007.

<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, electronically.	
By:	<u>Melaine Kolbo</u>
Date:	<u>4/26/07</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Dustin M. Johnson  
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Chairman

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Steve Kolbeck  
STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner