

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	ORDER GRANTING
NEW HORIZONS COMMUNICATIONS CORP.)	CERTIFICATE OF
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO)	AUTHORITY
PROVIDE INTEREXCHANGE)	
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN)	TC06-203
SOUTH DAKOTA)	

On December 22, 2006, 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 New Horizons Communications Corp. (New Horizons). A proposed tariff was filed by New Horizons. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On December 28, 2006, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of January 12, 2007, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its February 13, 2007, meeting, the Commission considered New Horizons' request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that New Horizons 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 New Horizons has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. New Horizons, 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 New Horizons' application for a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that New Horizons 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 New Horizons' application for a certificate of authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services is hereby granted, subject to the condition that New Horizons 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 New Horizons shall file informational copies of tariff changes with the Commission as the changes occur. It is

FURTHER ORDERED, that this order shall constitute New Horizons' Certificate of Authority.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 28th day of February, 2007.

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>Melaine Kalbs</u>
Date: <u>3/2/07</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Dustin Johnson
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Chairman

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Steve Kolbeck
STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner