

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	ORDER GRANTING
BEK COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE FOR)	CERTIFICATE OF
A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE)	AUTHORITY
INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS)	
SERVICES AND LOCAL EXCHANGE)	TC08-034
SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA)	

On March 12, 2008, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application for a certificate of authority from BEK Communications Cooperative (BEK).

On March 13, 2008, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of March 28, 2008, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its regularly scheduled September 23, 2008, meeting, the Commission considered BEK's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority to BEK for the service area of: the W1/2W1/2 of Section 6, Township 128 North, Range 74 West and the NW1/4NW1/4 of Section 7, Township 128 North, Range 74 West, all in Campbell County, South Dakota.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31, specifically 49-31-3 and 49-31-69 and ARSD 20:10:24:02, 20:10:24:03 and 20:10:32:03. The Commission finds that BEK has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. BEK has, in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3 and 49-31-71, demonstrated sufficient technical, financial and managerial capabilities to offer telecommunications services in South Dakota. The Commission approves BEK's application for a certificate of authority. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that BEK's application for a certificate of authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services and local exchange services in the W1/2W1/2 of Section 6, Township 128 North, Range 74 West and the NW1/4NW1/4 of Section 7, Township 128 North, Range 74 West, all in Campbell County, South Dakota, is granted. It is

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 3rd day of October, 2008.

<p>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</p> <p>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.</p> <p>By: <u>Adrian Kaelo</u></p> <p>Date: <u>10/3/08</u></p> <p align="center">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Steve Kolbeck
STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner

Dustin M. Johnson
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner