

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

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

**ORDER GRANTING
CERTIFICATE OF
AUTHORITY**

TC08-104

On August 13, 2008, 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 to provide interexchange telecommunications services from Enventis Telecom, Inc. (Enventis). The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On August 14, 2008, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of August 29, 2008, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its September 23, 2008, meeting, the Commission considered Enventis' request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority. Commission Staff further recommended a waiver of ARSD 20:10:24:02(9).

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 Enventis has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Enventis has, 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(9). The Commission approves Enventis' application for a certificate of authority. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that Enventis' application for a certificate of authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services is hereby granted. It is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the Commission waives ARSD 20:10:24:02(9). 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.

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, electronically.
By: <u>Alaine Kolbo</u>
Date: <u>10/3/08</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Steve Kolbeck
STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner

Dustin M. Johnson
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner