

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

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

**ORDER GRANTING
CERTIFICATE OF
AUTHORITY**

TC08-115

On September 26, 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 Reliance Communications International, Inc. (Reliance). The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On October 2, 2008, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of October 17, 2008, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its November 12, 2008, meeting, the Commission considered Reliance's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority.

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 Reliance has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Reliance has, in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3, demonstrated sufficient technical, financial and managerial capabilities to offer telecommunications services in South Dakota. The Commission approves Reliance's application for a certificate of authority. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

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

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 25th day of November, 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><i>Aldine Kolbe</i></u>
Date: <u>11/26/08</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