

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	ORDER GRANTING
TOTAL HOLDINGS, INC. D/B/A GTC)	CERTIFICATE OF
COMMUNICATIONS FOR A CERTIFICATE)	AUTHORITY
OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE)	
INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS)	TC08-125
SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA)	

On October 29, 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 Total Holdings, Inc. d/b/a GTC Communications (Total Holdings). The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On October 30, 2008, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of November 14, 2008, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its November 25, 2008, meeting, the Commission considered Total Holdings' request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that Total Holdings 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.

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 Total Holdings has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Total Holdings 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 Total Holdings' application for a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that Total Holdings 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 Total Holdings' application for a certificate of authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services is hereby granted, subject to the condition that Total Holdings 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 this order constitutes your certificate of authority as described above.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 9th day of December, 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: *Delaine Kalbo*

Date: *12/9/08*

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Steve Kolbeck
STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner

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