

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY VERIZON)
LONG DISTANCE LLC FOR APPROVAL OF)
RELIEF OF ITS CERTIFICATION)
REQUIREMENT TO POST INDEMNITY BOND.)**

**ORDER APPROVING)
REQUEST TO WITHDRAW)
INDEMNITY BOND)

TC10-019)**

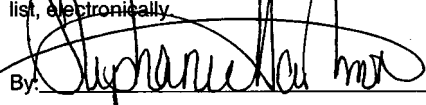
On November 29, 1999, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application for a certificate of authority from Bell Atlantic Communications, Inc. On March 20, 2000, the Commission granted the request for a certificate of authority, subject to a \$25,000 surety bond. On February 17, 2009, an information filing was received by the Commission changing the name of Bell Atlantic Communications, Inc. to Verizon Long Distance LLC (Verizon).

On March 5, 2010, the Commission received a request from Verizon requesting a revision to its certificate of authority to provide telecommunications service in South Dakota. Currently, Verizon is certified to provide interexchange services with the condition that it be responsible for disbursing funds from a surety bond to consumers for outstanding advance payment deposits and debit cards should the Company cease to do business in South Dakota. Verizon is requesting the bonding requirement be terminated.

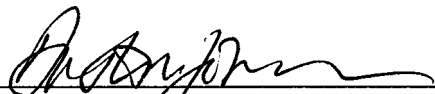
At its regularly scheduled meeting of April 6, 2010, the Commission took this request under advisement. Commission Staff recommended approval of the request with the condition that Verizon be restricted from offering any prepaid services (including calling cards) and not accept or require any deposits or advance payment without Commission approval. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the request with the Staff recommendations. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Verizon no longer be required to have a \$25,000 surety bond with the condition that Verizon does not offer any prepaid services (including calling cards) and not accept or require any deposits or advance payment without Commission approval.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 15th day of April, 2010.

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></u>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Chairman


STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner


GARY HANSON, Commissioner