

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF 1)
800 COLLECT, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF)
AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE INTEREXCHANGE)
LONG DISTANCE SERVICES)
)**

**ORDER GRANTING
CERTIFICATE OF
AUTHORITY

TC11-095**

On December 20, 2011, 1 800 Collect, Inc. filed an application for a certificate of authority to provide resold intrastate interexchange telecommunications services within South Dakota. Specifically, the company intends to provide alternate operator services. 1 800 Collect also requested a waiver of ARSD 20:10:24:02(9). On December 22, 2011, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of January 6, 2012, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On January 13, 2012, and January 17, 2012, supplemental filings were made regarding missing application information. At its regularly scheduled meeting on January 31, 2012, the Commission considered 1 800 Collect's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority with restrictions.

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 05. The Commission finds that 1 800 Collect has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. 1 800 Collect has, in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3, demonstrated sufficient technical, financial, and managerial capabilities to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications and alternate operator services in South Dakota.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve 1 800 Collect's application for a certificate of authority and to waive ARSD 20:10:24:02(9) subject to the condition that 1 800 Collect 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 therefore

ORDERED, that 1 800 Collect's application for a certificate of authority to provide intrastate interexchange services and alternate operator services is granted. It is further

ORDERED, that this order constitutes 1 800 Collect's certificate of authority as described above.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 8th day of February, 2012.

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>Joy Beving</u>
Date: <u>2-8-12</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Vice Chairman

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner