

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF  
IMPACT TELECOM, INC FOR A CERTIFICATE OF  
AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE INTEREXCHANGE  
LONG DISTANCE SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA**

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**ORDER GRANTING  
CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY**

**TC12-015**

On January 11, 2012, Impact Telecom, Inc. (Impact) requested a Certificate of Authority from the Public Utilities Commission (Commission). Impact intends to provide resale interexchange Long Distance Services in South Dakota. The company also requests a waiver from the cash flow statement pursuant to ARSD 20:10:24:02(9). On January 12, 2012, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of January 27, 2012, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. At its regularly scheduled meeting on March 13, 2012, the Commission considered Impact's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, with the condition that, for retail purposes, Impact 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 05. The Commission finds that Impact has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Impact has, in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3, demonstrated sufficient technical, financial, and managerial capabilities to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in South Dakota.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve Impact's application for a certificate of authority subject to the condition that, for retail purposes, Impact 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 Impact's application for a certificate of authority to provide intrastate interexchange services is granted subject to the condition that, for retail purposes, Impact 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 Impact's certificate of authority as described above.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of March, 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: *Joy Cherry*

Date: 3-29-12

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

*Chris Nelson*

CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

*Kristie Fiegen*

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

*Gary Hanson*

GARY HANSON, Commissioner