

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

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

**ORDER GRANTING
CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY**

TC12-024

On February 14, 2012, Total Access Telecom, Inc. (Total Access Telecom) requested a Certificate of Authority from the Public Utilities Commission (Commission). Total Access Telecom 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 February 16, 2012, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of March 2, 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 Total Access Telecom's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting the waiver of inclusion of a cash flow statement and granting a certificate of authority, with the condition that, for retail purposes, Total Access Telecom 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. The Commission finds that Total Access Telecom has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Total Access Telecom 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 Total Access Telecom's application for a certificate of authority and to waive ARSD 20:10:24:02(9) subject to the condition that, for retail purposes, Total Access Telecom 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 Total Access Telecom's application for a certificate of authority to provide intrastate interexchange services is granted, subject to the condition that Total Access Telecom, for retail purposes, 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 the Commission waives ARSD 20:10:24:02(9). It is further

ORDERED, that this order constitutes Total Access Telecom's certificate of authority as described above.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 20th 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 King

Date:

3-20-12

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner