

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
STRATUS NETWORKS, INC. FOR A)
CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE)
INTEREXCHANGE LONG DISTANCE SERVICES)
IN SOUTH DAKOTA)

**ORDER GRANTING
CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY
AND GRANTING WAIVER**

TC15-068

On October 15, 2015, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from Stratus Networks, Inc. (Stratus) for a Certificate of Authority to provide interexchange long distance services throughout South Dakota. Specifically, Stratus proposes to offer resold interexchange services.

On October 22, 2015, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of November 6, 2015, to interested individuals and entities. No parties sought intervention. On November 13, and December 1, 2015, Stratus responded to staff's data requests. Stratus requested that the Commission waive ARSD 20:10:24:02(9).

At its January 5, 2016 meeting, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that Stratus not offer any prepaid services (including prepaid calling cards) or accept any deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. Commission staff further recommended a waiver of the cash flow statement required in ARSD 20:10:24:02(9).

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31, specifically 49-31-3, as well as ARSD 20:10:24:02. The Commission voted unanimously to grant the waiver of the cash flow statement required in ARSD 20:10:24:02(9), and grant the Certificate of Authority, subject to staff's recommendations. The Commission finds that Stratus has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a Certificate of Authority. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that Stratus's requested waiver of the cash flow statement required in ARSD 20:10:24:02(9) is granted; it is further

ORDERED, that Stratus's request for a Certificate of Authority to provide interexchange services in South Dakota is granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 6th day of January, 2016.

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 or by mail.

By: Rolayne West

Date: 1-6-16

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner