

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF) WIDE VOICE, LLC FOR A CERTIFICATE OF) AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE LOCAL EXCHANGE) AND INTEREXCHANGE LONG DISTANCE) SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA)	ORDER GRANTING CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TC17-001
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On January 12, 2017, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an Application for a Certificate of Authority from Wide Voice, LLC (Wide Voice). Wide Voice seeks to provide competitive local exchange services, including exchange access service, and interexchange long distance services within the state of South Dakota.

On January 19, 2017, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of February 3, 2017, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filing electronic listserv. On February 10, 2017, the Commission granted intervention to the South Dakota Telecommunications Association (SDTA) and South Dakota Network, LLC (SDN). The Commission deferred this docket on May 23, 2017, and again on June 6, 2017. On June 13, 2017, SDTA, SDN, and Wide Voice filed a Joint Stipulation.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on June 16, 2017, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended granting a certificate of authority with the conditions that, for retail purposes, Wide Voice 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, and be subject to rural safeguards. Commission staff also recommended that the Commission grant SDTA, SDN, and Wide Voice's request to include the terms and conditions as set forth in the Joint Stipulation.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31, specifically 49-31-3 and 49-31-69 through 49-31-75, as well as ARSD 20:10:32:03. The Commission finds that Wide Voice has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Wide Voice has, in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3 and 49-31-71, demonstrated sufficient technical, financial and managerial capabilities to offer telecommunications services in South Dakota.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve Wide Voice's application for a certificate of authority subject to the conditions that, for retail purposes, Wide Voice 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, and be subject to rural safeguards. The certificate of authority for Wide Voice shall authorize it to provide competitive local exchange services, including exchange access service, and interexchange long distance services in South Dakota. The certificate of authority for Wide Voice shall be subject to the terms and conditions as set forth in the Joint Stipulation. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Wide Voice's application for a certificate of authority to provide competitive local exchange services, including exchange access service, and interexchange long distance services in South Dakota is granted, subject to the conditions outlined above and in the Joint Stipulation. It is further

ORDERED, that this order constitutes Wide Voice's Certificate of Authority as described above.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 16th day of June, 2017.

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: Adam DeHueck

Date: 6/16/17

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner