

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
COMBINED PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS, LLC)
FOR CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE)
INTEREXCHANGE LONG DISTANCE SERVICES)
AS AN ALTERNATIVE OPERATOR SERVICE)**

**ORDER GRANTING
CERTIFICATE OF
AUTHORITY**

TC19-046

On September 10, 2019, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Combined Public Communications, LLC (Combined Public) requesting a Certificate of Authority to Provide Interexchange Long Distance Services as an Alternative Operator Service.

On September 12, 2019, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of September 27, 2019, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On October 15, 2019, Combined Public responded to staff's data request. On December 9, 2019, Combined Public filed its Tariff Number 1 which outlines its rates and regulations.

At its regularly scheduled meetings of November 26, 2019 and December 10, 2019, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended granting a certificate of authority.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31, specifically 49-31-3, ARSD 20:10:42:02, and ARSD 20:10:42:05. The Commission finds that Combined Public has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a Certificate of Authority. The Commission finds that Combined Public 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 grant Combined Public a certificate of authority. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Combined Public's application for a certificate of authority to provide interexchange services in South Dakota for the purpose of providing alternative operator services is granted.

ORDERED, that this order constitutes Combined Public's Certificate of Authority as described above.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 12th day of December 2019.

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: <u>Adam deHueck</u>
Date: <u>12/12/19</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner