

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF LTS ) ORDER GRANTING CERTIFICATE  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES (USA) INC. ) OF AUTHORITY  
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE )  
INTEREXCHANGE SERVICE IN SOUTH DAKOTA ) TC21-008  
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On February 16, 2021, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received LTS Telecommunications Service (USA) Inc.'s (LTS), application for a Certificate of Authority to provide interexchange services in South Dakota. LTS seeks authority to provide switchless, full facilities-based interexchange service.

On February 18, 2021, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of March 5, 2021, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On March 26, 2021, LTS responded to staff's data request.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31, specifically 49-31-3, as well as ARSD 20:10:24:02.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of April 29, 2021, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that in the event LTS begins to provide retail service to South Dakota consumers, LTS must obtain an indemnity bond of \$25,000 to run in favor of South Dakota consumers. The Commission finds that LTS has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. LTS 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 LTS a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that in the event LTS begins to provide retail service to South Dakota consumers, LTS must obtain an indemnity bond of \$25,000 to run in favor of South Dakota consumers. It is therefore

ORDERED, that LTS's application for a certificate of authority to provide interexchange services is granted, subject to the condition in the event LTS begins to provide retail service to South Dakota consumers, LTS must obtain an indemnity bond of \$25,000 to run in favor of South Dakota consumers. It is

FURTHER ORDERED, that this order constitutes LTS's Certificate of Authority as described above.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 5th day of May 2021.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>
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>Karen E. Cremer</u>
Date: <u>05/05/21</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson  
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner