

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
SSTELECOM, INC. D/B/A ITC FOR A)
CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE)
INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS)
SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA)**

**ORDER GRANTING
CERTIFICATE OF
AUTHORITY**

TC08-107

On August 27, 2008, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission), in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02, received an application for a certificate of authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services within the exchanges served by Qwest from SSTELECOM, Inc. d/b/a ITC (SSTELECOM).

On August 28, 2008, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of September 12, 2008, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its November 25, 2008, meeting, the Commission considered SSTELECOM's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to a continuous \$25,000 surety bond.

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 and 20:10:24:03. The Commission finds that SSTELECOM has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. SSTELECOM has, in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3, demonstrated sufficient technical, financial and managerial capabilities to offer telecommunications services in South Dakota. The Commission approves SSTELECOM's application for a certificate of authority, subject to a continuous \$25,000 surety bond. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that SSTELECOM's application for a certificate of authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services is hereby granted within the exchanges served by Qwest, subject to a continuous \$25,000 surety bond. It is

FURTHER ORDERED, that this order constitutes your certificate of authority as described above.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 9th day of December, 2008.

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: <u>Rebecca Kolbo</u>
Date: <u>12/9/08</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Steve Kolbeck
STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner

Dustin M. Johnson
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner