

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	ORDER GRANTING
GLOBAL TEL*LINK CORPORATION FOR A)	CERTIFICATE OF
CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE)	AUTHORITY
ALTERNATIVE OPERATOR SERVICES AND)	
INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS)	TC05-053
SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA)	

On March 18, 2005, 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 from Global Tel*Link Corporation (Global Tel*Link).

Global Tel*Link proposes to offer pay telephone services at public and correctional facility locations and interexchange telecommunications services in South Dakota. A proposed tariff was filed by Global Tel*Link. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On March 24, 2005, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of April 8, 2005, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its May 24, 2005, meeting, the Commission considered Global Tel*Link's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to a continuous \$25,000 surety bond. Commission Staff further recommended a waiver of ARSD 20:10:24:05(6) and (7).

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, 20:10:24:03 and 20:10:24:05. The Commission finds that Global Tel*Link has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Global Tel*Link has, in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3, demonstrated sufficient technical, financial and managerial capabilities to offer telecommunications services in South Dakota. Further, the Commission finds that there is good cause to waive ARSD 20:10:24:05(6) and (7). The Commission approves Global Tel*Link'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 Global Tel*Link's application for a certificate of authority to provide alternative operator services and interexchange telecommunications services is hereby granted, subject to a continuous \$25,000 surety bond. It is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the Commission waives ARSD 20:10:24:05(6) and (7).
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FURTHER ORDERED, that Global Tel*Link shall file informational copies of tariff changes with the Commission as the changes occur.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 26th day of May, 2005.

<p style="text-align: center;">CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</p> <p>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, by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.</p> <p>By: <u><i>Neil Kolbo</i></u></p> <p>Date: <u>5/26/05</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Robert K. Sahr
ROBERT K. SAHR, Commissioner *dk*

Dustin M. Johnson
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner