

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF) BLACK HILLS COMMUNICATIONS, LLC FOR) A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE) LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICES IN SOUTH) DAKOTA)	ORDER DISMISSING AND) CLOSING DOCKET) TC09-079))
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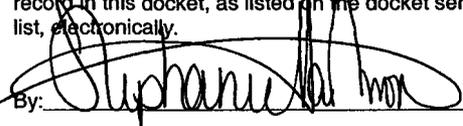
On June 16, 2009, Black Hills Communications, LLC (Black Hills) filed an application for a certificate of authority to provide local exchange services in Qwest Exchanges within the Blacks Hills in western South Dakota by utilizing a combination of unbundled network elements and resold services obtained from other local exchange carriers pursuant to interconnection and or commercial agreements.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 1-26 and 49-31.

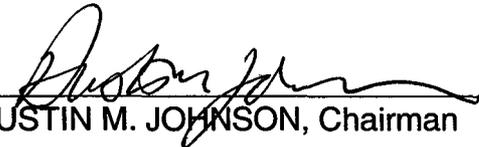
At its regularly scheduled meeting on April 20, 2010, the Commission considered this matter. Commission Staff recommended the docket be closed due to the failure of Black Hills to respond to Staff's data requests. The Commission voted unanimously to dismiss and close the docket. It is therefore

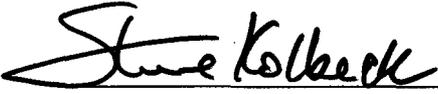
ORDERED this docket be dismissed and closed.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 30th day of April, 2010.

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></u>
Date: <u>04/30/10</u>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Chairman


STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner


GARY HANSON, Commissioner