

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
OF TELEVERGENCE SOLUTIONS, INC)
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO)
PROVIDE INTEREXCHANGE LONG)
DISTANCE SERVICES IN SOUTH)
DAKOTA)**

**ORDER GRANTING
CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY**

TC12-025

On February 21, 2012, Televergence Solutions, Inc. (Televergence) requested a Certificate of Authority from the Public Utilities Commission (Commission). Televergence intends to provide interexchange long distance service in South Dakota by reselling services of other carriers. The company also requests a waiver from the cash flow statement pursuant to ARSD 20:10:24:02(9). On February 23, 2012, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of March 9, 2012, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed.

On April 6, 2012, the Commission received responses from Televergence to Staff's first data request. On April 9, 2012 the Commission received responses from Televergence to Staff's second data request. On May 4, 2012 the Commission received Televergence's South Dakota sales tax number.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on May 22, 2012, the Commission considered Televergence's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, with the condition that, for retail purposes, Televergence not offer any prepaid services (including prepaid calling cards) and not accept or require any deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. Staff also recommended granting a waiver of ARSD 20:10:24:02(9).

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 05. The Commission finds that Televergence has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Televergence 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 approve Televergence's application for a certificate of authority subject to the condition that, for retail purposes, Televergence not offer any prepaid services (including prepaid calling cards) and not accept or require any deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. The Commission also granted a waiver of ARSD 20:10:24:02(9). It is therefore

ORDERED, that Televergence's application for a certificate of authority to provide intrastate interexchange services is granted subject to the condition that, for retail purposes, Televergence not offer any prepaid services (including prepaid calling cards) and not accept or require any deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. It is further

ORDERED, that the Commission waives ARSD 20:10:24:02(9). It is further

ORDERED, that this order constitutes Televergence's certificate of authority as described above.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 31 day of May, 2012.

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: Joy Baum

Date: 5.31.12

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner