

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	ORDER GRANTING
ZAYO NETWORK SERVICES, LLC FOR A)	CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY
CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE)	FOR INTEREXCHANGE
RESOLD AND FACILITIES-BASED)	TELECOMMUNICATIONS
INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS)	SERVICES
SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF)	
SOUTH DAKOTA)	TC25-033

On July 24, 2025, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Zayo Network Services, LLC (Zayo) for a Certificate of Authority to provide resold and facilities-based interexchange telecommunications services throughout the State of South Dakota. Zayo seeks to provide resold and facilities-based interexchange telecommunications services primarily to provide point-to-point telecommunications services such as Ethernet and other similar high-bandwidth circuits, for high-speed data transport. Zayo proposes to offer services to enterprise customers and to other communications providers on a wholesale basis and does not intend to directly serve residential customers. On July 25, 2025, the Commission received Zayo's filing fee.

On July 31, 2025, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of August 15, 2025, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On August 5, 2025, Zayo filed responses to staff's data requests.

Commission staff recommended granting a certificate of authority with the conditions that, for retail purposes, Zayo 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, and be subject to rural safeguards.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31, specifically 49-31-3, and ARSD Chapter 20:10:24. The Commission finds that Zayo has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. The Commission also finds that Zayo has, in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02, demonstrated sufficient technical, financial, and managerial capabilities to offer telecommunications services in South Dakota.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve Zayo's application for a certificate of authority subject to the conditions that, for retail purposes, unless Zayo obtains a bond pursuant to ARSD 20:10:24:04.05, Zayo 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 and be subject to rural safeguards. It is further

ORDERED, that Zayo's request for a certificate of authority to provide Interexchange services is hereby granted, subject to the conditions that, in the event that Zayo begins to provide retail services to South Dakota Customers, the company either obtain a \$25,000 indemnity bond pursuant to ARSD 20:10:24:04.05 or refrain from offering any prepaid services including prepaid calling cards and not accept or require any deposits or advance payments without prior

approval of the Commission and is subject to rural safeguards. It is further

ORDERED, that this certificate of authority authorizes Zayo to offer its Interexchange services in South Dakota, except in those areas served by a rural telephone company. It is further

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 9th day of October 2025.

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 or by mail.

By: *Dustin Edwards*

Date: 9 Oct 2025

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner