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ORDER GRANTING REQUEST TO WITHDRAW APPLICATION

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of the Application of Preferred
Telecom, Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to
Resell Long Distance and Directory Assistance
Services

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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On February 28, 1996, Preferred Telecom, Inc. (Preferred or the Company) filed an application seeking a certificate of authority to resell long distance and directory assistance services as a telecommunications carrier in Minnesota.

On March 27, 1997, the Department of Public Service (the Department) filed comments. While the Department recommended Commission approval of the petition, the Department expressed some reservations about the Company's financial condition.

On August 7 and August 22, 1996, the Company filed supplemental financial information.

In comments dated August 14, 1996, the Department recommended rejection of the Company's application, based on the Department's assessment of the Company's financial filings.

On April 25, 1997, Preferred filed a letter indicating its desire to withdraw its application.

On May 27, 1997, the matter came before the Commission for consideration.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Preferred has stated that it wishes to withdraw its application for a certificate of authority. No party has opposed the request and no party will be harmed by the withdrawal. The Commission will grant Preferred's request to withdraw its application.

ORDER

1. The Commission grants Preferred Telecom, Inc. its request to withdraw its application for a certificate of authority to resell long distance and directory assistance services.
2. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Burl W. Haar
Executive Secretary

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