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ORDER CLOSING DOCKET

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Edward A. Garvey	Chair
Joel Jacobs	Commissioner
Marshall Johnson	Commissioner
LeRoy Koppendrayer	Commissioner
Gregory Scott	Commissioner

In the Matter of a Complaint Against Bottom Line Telecommunications, Inc., GTE Card Services Incorporated, GTI Telecom, and WorldCom, Inc., d/b/a LDDS WorldCom by Quest Telecommunications, Inc.

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**PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

On March 24, 1998, the Minnesota Department of Public Service (the Department) issued a Notice of Noncompliance to GTI Telcom (GTI) and filed comments in this matter recommending that the Commission direct GTI to either submit a bond pursuant to a Commission Order issued in this matter on June 10, 1997 or to show cause why it had not submitted evidence of the bond. The Department also recommended that the Commission refer the matter to the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) for possible enforcement action.

On October 27, 1998, the Commission met to consider the Department's recommendation. The Commission accepted the Department's recommendation and determined that it would issue an Order accordingly.

On November 25, 1998, the Department filed a petition for reconsideration based on additional received information requesting that the Commission dismiss the Department's March 24, 1998 Notice of Noncompliance and close this docket.

The Commission met on October 12, 1999 to consider this matter.

**FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

Subsequent to the Commission's June 10, 1997 Order in this matter, GTI was acquired by SmarTalk TeleServices, Inc. (SmarTalk) in an arrangement that also included the acquisition by SmarTalk of SmarTel, Inc. (SmarTel). The Commission reviewed this acquisition in Docket No. P-271, 5233, 5802/PA-97-1001, approving it and related settlement in an Order dated November 26, 1997.

On March 22, 1999, SmarTalk requested that GTI's certificate of authority be vacated and

withdrawn because the purpose for the original grant of the certificate no longer exists. The matter was assigned to Docket No. P-5271/TC-99-368 and was approved by the Commission in an Order dated October 13, 1999.<sup>1</sup>

Finally, on May 10, 1999, SmarTalk requested that the Commission relinquish SmarTalk's certificate of authority. The matter was assigned to Docket No. P-5233/TC-99-662 and was approved by the Commission in an Order dated October 13, 1999.

In these circumstances, the Commission accepts the Department's withdrawal of its March 24, 1998 Notice of Noncompliance and will close this docket.

**ORDER**

1. This docket shall be and is hereby closed.
2. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Burl W. Haar  
Executive Secretary

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<sup>1</sup> Also on March 22, 1999, SmarTalk requested that the SmarTel's certificate of authority be vacated and withdrawn because the purpose for the original grant of the certificate no longer exists. The matter was assigned to Docket No. P-442, 5233/PA-99-620 and was approved by the Commission in an Order dated October 13, 1999.