BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF NATIONWIDE PROFESSIONAL TELESERVICES, LLC FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA ORDER PERMITTING WITHDRAWAL OF APPLICATION AND CLOSING DOCKET TC04-223

On November 10, 2004, Nationwide Professional Teleservices, LLC (Nationwide Pro Tel) filed an application with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for a certificate of authority to operate as a telecommunications company within the state of South Dakota.

On December 9, 2004, Nationwide Pro Tel requested that its application for a certificate of authority be withdrawn.

At its regularly scheduled December 14, 2004, meeting, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-31-3 and ARSD Chapter 20:10:24. The Commission found that Nationwide Pro Tel's request to withdraw its request for a certificate of authority is reasonable and closed the docket. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Nationwide Pro Tel shall be permitted to withdraw its request for a certificate of authority, and it is further

ORDERED, that this docket is closed.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 17th day of December, 2004.

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, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.

By:

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

GARY HANSON, Commissioner