BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CI², INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA	)))))	**ORDER PERMITTING WITHDRAWAL OF APPLICATION AND CLOSING DOCKET TC02-172**

On October 28, 2002, CI², Inc. (CI²) 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On December 23, 2002, CI² requested that its application for a certificate of authority be withdrawn.

At its regularly scheduled January 16, 2003, 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 CI²'s request to withdraw its request for a certificate of authority is reasonable and closed the docket. It is therefore

ORDERED, that CI² 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 28th day of January, 2003.

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

By: Delaine Kolbo

Date: 1/28/03

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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