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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Metracom)
Corporation for a Certificate of Service Authority)
to Provide Competitive Intrastate Interexchange) **Case No. TA-98-543**
Telecommunications Services Within the State of) **Tariff #9800949**
Missouri.)
)

ORDER CANCELING PREHEARING CONFERENCE
AND ORAL ARGUMENTS

Metracom Corporation (Metracom) filed an Application for Interexchange Authority and Competitive Classification on June 1, 1998. Along with its application, Metracom submitted a tariff to the Commission for approval with an effective date of July 16 which Metracom later extended to August 29.

The Commission reviewed Metracom's application and tariff filing, and was concerned about the legal foundation for Metracom's proposed imposition of a Federal Universal Service Fund fee of one percent of the customers' total intrastate billed charges. Accordingly, on August 27, the Commission suspended the effective date of the proposed tariff to December 27, scheduled a prehearing conference for September 15 and scheduled oral arguments for October 9 to resolve this specific issue.

Metracom filed a Withdrawal of Tariff and Motion to Cancel Prehearing Conference and Oral Arguments on September 2. Metracom withdrew the tariff it filed June 1 and simultaneously filed a new tariff. The new tariff, effective October 2, did not include the proposed imposition of a Federal Universal Service Fund fee of one percent of the customers' total intrastate billed charges. Metracom

also requested the scheduled prehearing conference and oral arguments be canceled.

The Commission has reviewed Metracom's motion and finds that the cancellation of the prehearing conference and oral arguments is appropriate. The withdrawal of the June 1 tariff makes the prehearing conference and oral arguments unnecessary.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Withdrawal of Tariff and Motion to Cancel Prehearing Conference and Oral Arguments filed by Metracom Corporation, Inc. on September 2, 1998, is granted.
2. That the prehearing conference scheduled for September 15, 1998, at 9:00 a.m., in Room 520B in the Commission's office is canceled.
3. That the oral arguments scheduled for October 9, 1998, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission's hearing room are canceled.
4. That this order shall become effective on September 10, 1998.

BY THE COMMISSION

Dale Hardy Roberts

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**Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

Brian K. Harper, Regulatory Law
Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.120(1)
(November 30, 1995) and
Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 10th day of September, 1998.

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