

DT 00-156

NORCOM, INC. D/B/A NORWEGIAN COMMUNICATIONS

**Withdrawal of Certification to Operate
within the State of New Hampshire**

Order Nisi Granting Request

O R D E R N O. 24,113

January 13, 2003

I. BACKGROUND

Norcom, Inc. d/b/a Norwegian Communications (Norcom) is a New Hampshire-certified Competitive Local Exchange Carrier (CLEC) pursuant to Order No. 23,869 (December 10, 2001) issued in Docket No. DT 00-156. Norcom also holds certification to provide intraLATA toll service under IXC No. 33398 dated December 28, 1998. On November 5, 2002, Norcom requested that the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) withdraw both its CLEC certification and its Competitive Toll Provider authority.

Norcom reports that it currently has no New Hampshire customers. The company further states that it does not intend to operate within the state.

II. ANALYSIS

RSA 374:28 requires that the Commission determine that a cessation is in the public good. The public good in this instance means that no customer is harmed, that is, financially harmed, left without service, transferred to an alternate

provider without notice, contrary to RSA 374:28-a, or denied the opportunity to migrate to a different carrier of choice. In this case, we find that as Norcom has no customers no harm can result from Norcom's surrender of authority. Therefore, we will approve the company's request.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED Nisi, that the request of Norcom to withdraw the CLEC certification issued in Order Nisi No. 23,869 is GRANTED; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the request of Norcom to withdraw the authority to provide intraLATA toll service under IXC No. 33398 is also GRANTED; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that Norcom shall cause a copy of this Order Nisi to be published once in a statewide newspaper of general circulation, such publication to be no later than January 23, 2003 and to be documented by affidavit filed with this office on or before February 6, 2003; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that all persons interested in responding to this Order Nisi shall submit their comments or file a written request for a hearing on this matter before the Commission no later than January 30, 2003; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that this Order Nisi shall be effective February 12, 2003, unless the Petitioner fails to

satisfy the publication obligation set forth above or the Commission provides otherwise in a supplemental order issued prior to the effective date.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this thirteenth day of January, 2003.

Thomas B. Getz
Chairman

Susan S. Geiger
Commissioner

Nancy Brockway
Commissioner

Attested by:

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director and Secretary