STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 12th day of March, 1996.

In the matter of the application of V R) Communications, Inc. for certificate of) service authority to provide private) pay telephone service within the State) of Missouri.

CASE NO. TA-96-202

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

On December 27, 1995, VR Communications, Inc. (VR) filed an application for a certificate of service authority to provide private pay telephone service in Missouri. The application was signed by a Florida attorney on VR's behalf.

Pleadings filed in this or any other docket before the Commission, as well as any representation at a hearing, may only be accomplished by an attorney who is licensed to practice law in the State of Missouri. This is the established rule of law in Missouri and is restated in the Commission rules. See 4 CSR 240-2.040 and Reed v. Labor and Industrial Relations Commission, 789 S.W.2d 19 (Mo. banc 1990).

When VR's application was filed, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) informed VR that it needed to file an entry of appearance by a Missouri attorney in order for its application to go forward. Since that initial contact, Staff has repeatedly requested such an entry of appearance from VR.

No communication was forthcoming from VR and on February 22, 1996, the Commission issued a Notice advising VR that unless an entry of appearance by an attorney licensed in Missouri was filed by March 4, 1996,

this case would be subject to dismissal. As of the date of this Order, there has been no communication from VR.

The Commission finds that VR has abandoned its application. Thus, the Commission finds that VR's application should be dismissed.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That the application of VR Communications, Inc. is hereby dismissed.
 - 2. That Case No. TA-96-202 is hereby closed.
 - 3. That this Order shall become effective on March 22, 1996.

BY THE COMMISSION

David L. Rauch Executive Secretary

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Zobrist, Chm., McClure, Kincheloe, Crumpton and Drainer, CC., Concur.