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WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the matter of the application of PREFERRED LONG DISTANCE, INC. to Provide Telecommunications Services.

Docket No. 1 - 040219

Pursuant to WAC 480-07-160 Preferred Long Distance, Inc. ("Applicant") requests that certain documents being submitted in support of its concurrently filed registration application be maintained by the Commission on a confidential basis.

1. INFORMATION FOR WHICH CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT IS REQUESTED

The information for which confidential treatment is requested includes the financial statements submitted with Applicant's application to provide telecommunications services. In accordance with WAC 480-07-160, Applicant herein submits to the Commission an original and two copies of a redacted version of the application, as well as a complete, unredacted version of the application.

2. **GROUNDS FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT**

Applicant believes that disclosure of the private, confidential information included in the financial statements could place it at a disadvantage in competitive negotiations with

potential customers and in transactions with underlying carriers and other vendors. WHEREFORE, Applicant prays that this request for confidentiality be granted. Dated: February 9, 2004 Respectfully submitted, GOODIN, MACBRIDE, SQUERI, RITCHIE & DAY, LLP Elizabeth B. Andrion, Esq. ByElizabeth B. Andrion
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