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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of WorldCom)
Technologies, Inc. for a Certificate of Authority)
to Provide Basic Exchange and Local Exchange) Case No. TA-98-201
Intrastate Telecommunications Services Within the)
State of Missouri.)

ORDER AND NOTICE

WorldCom Technologies, Inc. (WTI) filed an application on November 13, 1997, for certificates of service authority to provide basic local and local exchange telecommunications service in the State of Missouri under 4 CSR 240-2.060(4). Specifically, WTI wishes to provide both resold and facilities-based services in all the exchanges currently served by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) and GTE Midwest Incorporated.

WTI asked to be classified as a competitive company and receive a lesser degree of regulation as permitted by Sections 392.361 and 392.420, RSMo.¹ WTI filed tariff sheets carrying an effective date of December 28, 1997, in compliance with 4 CSR 240-2.060(4) (H).

WTI was granted a certificate of service authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services in Case No. TA-98-16. WTI is a subsidiary of MFS Communications Co., Inc. (MFSCC) which is party to an interconnection agreement with SWBT approved by the Commission in Case No. TO-97-23. The arbitrated agreement applies to MFSCC subsidiaries by its terms. Finally, WorldCom requested waiver of the following statutes and Commission rules:

¹ All statutory references are to the Revised Statutes of Missouri, 1994 unless otherwise indicated.

Statutes

392.210.2
392.240.1
392.270
392.280
392.290.1
392.300.2
392.310
392.320
392.330
392.340

Commission Rules

4 CSR 240-10.020
4 CSR 240-30.040
4 CSR 240-35

WTI requested waiver of Section 392.240.1 which is a statutory section normally waived for interexchange providers but not for basic local service providers. The basic local tariff submitted for approval, Mo. P.S.C. No. 2, Preface -- Original Page 1, lists statutory and rule waivers the company expects to receive. This list does not include Section 392.240.1. However, for purposes of this notice, interested parties are advised that the application includes this non-standard waiver request.

The application as submitted does not include documentation to support the allegations of technical, managerial, and financial fitness. The Commission is aware that WTI has submitted this type of documentation in other filings and will direct WTI to either refer the Commission to the location of previously filed documentation, or make a supplemental filing in this case.

The Commission finds that notice of this application should be sent to all certificated Missouri telecommunications companies, and that interested parties should have the opportunity to intervene. Because WTI has filed a tariff with an effective date of December 28, 1997, the intervention period must be shortened. Applications to intervene should be submitted by December 15, 1997, to the Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, and copies sent to:

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If no one requests a hearing, the Commission may determine that no hearing is necessary and grant the authority requested based on the verified petition. State ex rel. Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. v. Public Service Commission, 776 S.W.2d 494, 496 (Mo. App. 1989).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Records Department of the Commission shall send notice of this application to all certificated Missouri telecommunications companies.
2. That parties wishing to intervene shall file an application to intervene no later than December 15, 1997.
3. That WorldCom Technologies, Inc. shall submit a pleading referring the Commission to the location of documentation supporting its allegations of technical, managerial, and financial resources, or presenting such documentation anew no later than December 10, 1997.
4. That this order shall become effective on November 26, 1997.

BY THE COMMISSION



(S E A L)

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

L. Anne Wickliffe, Deputy Chief
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 26th day of November, 1997.