

STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service  
Commission held at its office  
in Jefferson City on the 18th  
day of September, 1992.

In the matter of application for )  
authority for LDDS Communications, ) CASE NO. TM-93-34  
Inc. to acquire control of Advanced )  
Telecommunications Corporation. )

ORDER AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF CONTROL

On July 30, 1992, an application pursuant to Section 392.300, RSMo 1986 was filed by joint applicants Advanced Telecommunications Corporation (ATC) and LDDS Communications, Inc. (LDDS). LDDS seeks Commission authorization to acquire control of ATC pursuant to an agreement whereby LDDS will exchange its class A common stock for all of ATC's outstanding common stock. ATC will then become a wholly owned subsidiary of LDDS.

LDDS is the parent of various telecommunication subsidiaries which provide interstate services in 50 states, and intrastate services in 27 states. Three such subsidiaries are presently certificated as telecommunication providers in Missouri: LDDS of Missouri, Inc., LDDS of Kansas City, Inc. and Mid American Communications Corporation. LDDS is a publicly held Tennessee Corporation with its principal office at LeFleur's Bluff Tower, Suite 500, 4780 I-55 North, Jackson, Mississippi. A certified copy of LDDS's charter is attached to its application.

ATC is the corporate parent of two certificated Missouri interexchange carriers, Satelco, Inc. (Satelco) and Americall Dial O Services, Inc. (Americall). ATC is a publicly held Delaware Corporation with its principal offices at 945 East Paces Ferry Road, Suite 2100, Atlanta, Georgia.

Joint applicants state that approval of this application will not change the name or the terms and conditions of service now offered by Satelco and

Americall, referenced above; joint applicants also aver that ATC will profit by said authorization in that "Satelco and Americall will be able to draw upon the substantial technical and managerial expertise of its new parent, LDDS."<sup>1</sup>

On August 31, 1992, the Commission Staff filed its recommendation. Staff recommends that the Commission authorize the acquisition of control and states that "ATC's and LDDS's operating subsidiaries will each continue to provide those services for which each is currently certificated pursuant to their tariff."

Having considered the application filed by joint applicants, and Staff's favorable recommendation, the Commission finds that said acquisition is a normal expression of competition in the telecommunication marketplace, is not contrary to the public interest, and will herein authorize same.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That the application filed on July 30, 1992, by joint applicants LDDS Communications, Inc. and Advanced Telecommunications Corporation for Commission authorization for LDDS to acquire control of ATC is hereby granted.
2. That this order shall become effective on the date hereof.

BY THE COMMISSION

*Brent Stewart*

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Executive Secretary

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McClure, Chm., Mueller, Rauch,  
Perkins and Kincheloe, CC., Concur.

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<sup>1</sup>p.8, Joint Applicant's application.