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RE: Case No. TM-2000-653

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and eight (8) conformed copies of a **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**.

This filing has been mailed or hand-delivered this date to all counsel of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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Application for Approval of the Merger by)
and among World Access, Inc.,)
WorldxChange Communications, Inc. and)
Communications TeleSystems)
International, d/b/a WORLDEXCHANGE)
Communications)

Case No. TM-2000-653

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), by and through one of its attorneys, and for its Recommendation states as follows:

1. On October 17, 2000, the Commission entered an Order approving the merger between Worldxchange Communications, Inc. (WxC), a non-certificated corporation, and Communications Telesystems International (CTI), a competitive Missouri regulated interexchange carrier, d/b/a Worldxchange Communications. After the merger between WxC and CTI, WxC would emerge as the surviving corporation.

2. The Order described above also provided that the proposed merger would be conditioned upon the approval of WxC's certificate of authority to provide interexchange service; that the proposed transaction was conditioned upon WxC having its own tariff in effect or adopting the tariff of CTI; and, that within ten days of the completion of the transaction, that WxC notify the Commission that the tariff (if not adopted) and the certificate of CTI may be cancelled. WxC has adopted the tariff of CTI.

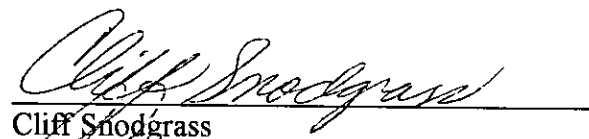
3. On January 23, 2001, the Commission directed WxC advise the Commission of the status of the proposed transaction by no later than February 13, 2001. On February 6, 2001, WxC filed a letter in response to the Order of January 23, 2001.

4. Staff has reviewed the documentation from WxC and has summarized the results of that review in a Memorandum, labeled Appendix A, which is attached hereto. After review of this documentation, Staff recommends that the Commission enter an Order which:

- A. Accepts the status letter from WxC filed on February 6, 2001.
- B. Cancels CTI's Certificate of Authority to Provide Interexchange Telecommunications Services.
- C. Approves the adoption of CTI's tariff by WxC.

Respectfully submitted,

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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered to all counsel of record as shown on the attached service list this 15th day of February, 2001.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Cliff Smalgrass", is written over a horizontal line.

MEMORANDUM

To: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
Tariff File No. 200100808 Case No. TM-2000-653

From: Walt Cecil *WC*
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RES-2-14-2001

Subject: Recommendation to accept Response to Commission Order Requiring Notification of status of merger, tariff adoption, and cancellation of certificate; to cancel Certificate of Authority; and to Approve Adoption of Tariff.

Date: February 15, 2001

P.S.C. MO. No. 1, Original Title Sheet and Original Adoption Notice Page 1

On February 6, 2001 WorldxChange Communications, Inc. (WxC) filed a Commission-ordered status report in response to the Commission's order Directing Response, dated February 2, 2001, indicating that the authorized merger has been consummated. Also, in compliance with the Commission's order WxC filed a request to adopt the tariff of the former Communications Telesystems International (CTI) dba WorldxChange. On February 9, 2001, WXC filed substitute sheets to reflect correct issue and effective dates and to correct for typographical errors.

On April 14, 2000 World Access, Inc., a non-regulated holding company, and CTI filed an application for Approval of the Merger between WorldxChange Communications and CTI (same case). Conditional Approval of the Merger was granted on October 27, 2000. The parties to the case were ordered to file a pleading within 10 days of the completion of the merger requesting the Certificate of Authority and tariff of CTI be canceled or that CTI's Certificate be Canceled and tariff be adopted by WxC. On February 2, 2000 the Commission issued an order Directing Response to the Commission's order of October 27, 2000.

WxC has filed:

- P.S.C. Mo. No. 1 Original Title Sheet;
- P.S.C. Mo. No. 1 Original Adoption Notice Page 1.

The Telecommunications Department Staff (Staff) has reviewed the proposed filing and recommends that the Commission Accept the Response to Commission Order, Cancel CTI's Certificate of Authority to Provide Interexchange Telecommunications Services, and approve the Adoption of CTI's tariff by WxC. Staff is unaware of any other filing which would affect or be affected by this proposal.

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