

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WYOMING

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT) DOCKET NO. 74071-TA-99-5
APPLICATION OF MCI WORLDCOM,) DOCKET NO. 74006-TA-99-71
INC., AND SPRINT CORPORATION) DOCKET NO. 70038-TA-99-3
FOR AUTHORITY TO TRANSFER) DOCKET NO. 72003-TA-99-116
CONTROL OF SPRINT TO MCI) DOCKET NO. 72001-TA-99-154
WORLDCOM INCLUDING ALL) DOCKET NO. 70021-TA-99-5
SUBSIDIARIES DOING BUSINESS) DOCKET NO. 74007-TA-99-16
IN WYOMING) DOCKET NO. 74219-TA-99-17
) DOCKET NO. 74183-TA-99-8
) DOCKET NO. 70009-TA-99-91
) (RECORD NO. 5413)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND

PROCEDURAL ORDER SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE

(Issued January 18, 2000)

Pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act, W.S. § 37-1-101, *et seq.*, and the Commission's Procedural Rules and Special Regulations, notice is hereby given of the joint application of MCI WorldCom, Inc., hereinafter referred to as MCI WorldCom and Sprint Corporation, hereinafter referred to as Sprint, for authority to transfer control of Sprint's Wyoming operating subsidiaries to MCI WorldCom.

1. MCI WorldCom and Sprint, as well as their Wyoming operating subsidiaries are telecommunications companies as defined by W.S. § 37-15-103, and as such, are subject to the Commission's jurisdiction pursuant to the provisions of W.S. § 37-15-401.
2. On December 21, 1999, MCI WorldCom and Sprint filed their joint application in this matter. The joint application states that the companies have entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger whereby MCI WorldCom will acquire control of Sprint and its Wyoming operating subsidiaries.
3. MCI WorldCom, through various operating subsidiaries provides interexchange telecommunications services in Wyoming and the rest of the United States including the District of Columbia. Additionally, MCI Metro Access Transmission Services, LLC, holds a Concurrent Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide local exchange telecommunications services within Wyoming. MCI WorldCom's operating subsidiaries include: MCI WorldCom Network Services, Inc.; MCI WorldCom Communications, Inc.; BLT Technologies, Inc.; Touch 1 Long Distance, Inc.; TTI National, Inc.; Teleconnect Long Distance Services & Systems, Co., d/b/a Telecom*USA; and MCI Metro Access Transmission Services, LLC.
4. Sprint's operating subsidiaries provide local exchange telecommunications services in Wyoming and 18 other states. Additionally, the Company, through its operating subsidiaries provides interexchange telecommunications services in

Wyoming and the rest of the United States including the District of Columbia. Sprint's local exchange operating subsidiary in Wyoming is United Telephone Company of the West, d/b/a Sprint, which serves approximately 7,000 access lines in and around Torrington, Guernsey, LaGrange and Lingle, Wyoming.

5. The joint application states that the assets of MCI WorldCom and Sprint are "remarkably complementary." It further states that the proposed merger will serve to expand the reach of both companies into local markets. MCI WorldCom and Sprint aver that the proposed merger will not have an adverse impact upon the ability of Sprint's operating subsidiaries to serve the public.

6. The joint application is on file with the Commission at its offices in Cheyenne, Wyoming, and may be inspected by any interested person during regular business hours.

7. Anyone desiring to file a statement, representation, intervention, protest or to request a hearing in this matter must do so on or before February 17, 2000, setting forth the basis for the intervention, comment, complaint or request for hearing.

8. If you wish to intervene in this matter and/or request a public hearing which you will attend and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, please contact the Public Service Commission at (307) 777-7427 in Cheyenne during regular business hours or write to them at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002 to make arrangements. Communications impaired persons may also contact the Commission by accessing Wyoming Relay at 1-800-877-9965. Please mention the docket number in your communications. Please contact us as soon as possible to help serve you better.

7. A Prehearing Conference has been scheduled, with regard to this matter, on **February 22, 2000, beginning at 10:00 a.m., in the Commission's hearing room located at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002.** At the Prehearing Conference, the Commission will establish a procedural schedule for this matter and identify issues relevant to the proceeding.

MADE and ENTERED at Cheyenne, Wyoming, this 18th day of January, 2000.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

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