

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Nashville, Tennessee

May 30, 1996

**IN RE: APPLICATION OF WORLDCOM, INC. D/B/A LDDS WORLDCOM
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO
PROVIDE INTRASTATE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES**

Docket No. 96-00780

ORDER

This matter is before the Tennessee Public Service Commission upon the application of WorldCom, Inc. d/b/a LDDS WorldCom for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity pursuant to T.C.A. § 65-4-201 as set forth in the above caption.

The matter was heard on May 14, 1996, in Nashville, Tennessee, before Ralph B. Christian, II, Administrative Judge. On May 14, 1996, the Administrative Judge issued his Initial Order recommending that the application be granted.

The Public Service Commission considered this matter at a Commission Conference held on May 24, 1996. It was concluded after careful consideration of the entire record, including the Administrative Judge's Initial Order and all applicable laws and statutes and particularly the requirements of Chapter 408 of the Public Acts of 1995, that the Administrative Judge's Initial Order should be approved and the authority granted as requested. The Commission further ratifies and adopts the findings and conclusions of the Administrative Judge as its own.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Administrative Judge's Initial Order, dated May 14, 1996, in this docket is hereby ratified, adopted and incorporated by reference in this Order as fully as though copied verbatim herein, including the findings and conclusions of the Administrative Judge which the Commission adopts as its own;

2. That the application of WorldCom, Inc. d/b/a LDDS WorldCom for a statewide Certificate of Convenience and Necessity as a Competing Telecommunications Service Provider, pursuant to Section 7 of Chapter 408 of the Public Acts of 1995, T.C.A. § 65-4-201(c), is hereby granted and the authority to provide service statewide in the State of Tennessee;

3. That WorldCom, Inc. d/b/a LDDS WorldCom is authorized to offer all of the services that may be provided by a Competing Telecommunications Service Provider, as that term is defined in Section 3 of Chapter 408, T.C.A. § 65-4-101(e); those services include, but are not limited to, toll, local exchange, access, private line, paging and enhanced services;

4. That WorldCom, Inc. d/b/a LDDS WorldCom may not provide service to customers served by an incumbent local exchange telephone company with fewer than 100,000 total access lines or by a telephone cooperative, except in accordance with T.C.A. § 65-4-201(d), or as authorized by federal law, or otherwise authorized by the Public Service Commission;

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5. That, before providing service pursuant to this certificate, WorldCom, Inc. d/b/a LDDS WorldCom shall file tariffs describing the areas which Applicant proposes to serve, the service the company proposes to offer, and such other information as the Public Service Commission may require;

6. That any party aggrieved by the Commission's decision in this matter may file a Petition for Reconsideration with the Tennessee Public Service Commission within ten (10) days from and after the date of this Order; and


7. That any party aggrieved by the Commission's decision in this matter may file a Petition for review in the Tennessee Court of Appeals, Middle Section, within sixty (60) days from and after the date of this Order.


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ATTEST


EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR