

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY AT**

**NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**August 6, 1997**

**IN RE: PETITION OF WORLDCOM, )**  
**INC., D/B/A/ LDDS )**  
**WORLDCOM AND MFS ) DOCKET NO. 97-01207**  
**INTELENET OF TENNESSEE, )**  
**INC., FOR APPROVAL OF )**  
**TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY )**

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**ORDER**

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This matter is before the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("Authority") upon the petition of WorldCom, Inc., d/b/a LDDS WorldCom ("WorldCom") and MFS Intelenet of Tennessee, Inc. ("MFSI-TN"), a subsidiary of WorldCom, (collectively, "Petitioners"), pursuant to the provisions of Tenn. Code Ann. §65-4-113, for approval of the transfer from WorldCom to MFSI-TN the authority to provide intrastate telecommunications services as a Competing Telecommunications Service Provider pursuant to a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity issued by the Tennessee Public Service Commission (docket no. 96-00780). Petitioners request that the transferee, MFSI-TN, be granted full authority to provide the transferred services subject to the continuing regulation of the Authority.

The matter was considered at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference on July 15, 1997 in Nashville, Tennessee, before Chairman Lynn Greer, Director Sara Kyle, and Director Melvin Malone. Based upon the petition, the exhibits, and the entire record of this matter, the Authority finds that the transfer of authority should be approved.

The Directors find that Petitioner MFSI-TN, a wholly-owned subsidiary of WorldCom, meets all technical, managerial, financial, and legal qualifications required of a

Competing Telecommunications Service Provider and therefore is entitled to receive the transferred authority.

The Directors find that MFSI-TN has filed a Small and Minority Owned Telecommunications Business Participation Plan in accordance with Sections 16 and 17 of Chapter 408 of the Public Acts of 1995.

Finally, the Directors also find that approval of the proposed transfer will serve the public interest by bringing together WorldCom with its wholly-owned subsidiary MFS Communications Company, Inc. ("MFSCC"), a parent of MFSI-TN. The combination of WorldCom's expertise and presence in the long distance marketplace with MFSCC's through its subsidiaries, including MFSI-TN, as the nation's largest competitive local exchange carrier and Internet access provider, should provide benefit to the public. The granting of this petition will further the public interest by expanding the availability of alternative sources of local services in the state. MFSI-TN will provide Tennessee customers with new options for their local service needs and also offer customers the convenience of one-stop shopping for both their local and long distance telecommunications services.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED:**

1. That the petition of WorldCom, Inc. d/b/a LDDS WorldCom and MFS Intelenet of Tennessee, Inc., a subsidiary of WorldCom, Inc., for approval of the transfer from WorldCom to MFSI-TN of the authority to provide intrastate telecommunications services as a Competing Telecommunications Services Provider pursuant to a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity issued by the Tennessee Public Service Commission (Docket No. 96-00780) is hereby granted;

2. That any party aggrieved by the Authority's decision in this matter may file a petition for reconsideration with the Tennessee Regulatory Authority within ten (10) days from and after the date of this order; and

3. That any party aggrieved by the Authority'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.

  
CHAIRMAN

  
DIRECTOR

  
DIRECTOR

ATTEST:

  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY