

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO**

DOCKET NO. 02D-451T

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IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF MCI WORLDCOM COMMUNICATIONS, INC.,  
FOR A DECLARATORY ORDER.

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**ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Mailed Date: February 28, 2003  
Adopted Date: February 26, 2003

**I. BY THE COMMISSION**

**A. Statement**

1. On February 24, 2003, Staff of the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (Staff) and the Colorado Office of Consumer Counsel (OCC) filed a joint motion for an extension of time to file their response to the Exceptions of MCI WorldCom, Inc. (MCI), in the above captioned docket. MCI filed its Exceptions to Decision No. R03-0088 on February 12, 2003. Pursuant to Rule 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-1-22, a response to MCI's Exceptions was due on or before February 26, 2003.

2. Staff and the OCC assert in their joint motion that the basis for requesting this extension of time is the involvement of Staff's counsel, OCC's counsel, and OCC's analyst in the ongoing Public Service Company of Colorado rate case, Docket No. 02S-315EG. Staff and the OCC state that this docket has required preparing for a two-week hearing and simultaneously attending several settlement conferences that are complex and time consuming. As a result, Staff and the OCC have been unable to prepare their response in this matter.

3. Staff and the OCC request an extension of time until March 14, 2003, to respond to MCI's Exceptions in this docket. They state that counsel for MCI does not object to the Commission granting this request. Staff and OCC also request that the Commission waive response time to this motion.

4. Good grounds having been shown, we grant the motion for extension of time until March 14, 2003.

## **II. ORDER**

### **A. The Commission Orders That:**

1. The Joint Motion of the Staff of the Colorado Public Utilities Commission and the Colorado Office of Consumer Counsel for an Extension of Time to File Their Response to the Exceptions of MCI WorldCom Communications, Inc., and Request for Waiver of Response Time to this Motion is granted.

2. Response time to this motion is waived.

3. This Order is effective on its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING  
February 26, 2003.**

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**ATTEST: A TRUE COPY**

**Bruce N. Smith  
Director**

**THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
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