

**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 SECOND JOINT  
MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Mailed Date: March 14, 2003  
Adopted Date: March 12, 2003

**I. BY THE COMMISSION**

**A. Statement**

1. On March 10, 2003, Staff of the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (Staff) and the Colorado Office of Consumer Counsel (OCC) filed a second 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. Staff and OCC were already granted one extension of time until March 14, 2003 by Decision No. C03-0226.

2. Staff and the OCC assert in their second 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 settlement discussions for the Public Service Company of Colorado rate case, Docket No. 02S-315EG. Staff and the OCC state that the Commission has set a deadline to file a settlement agreement in that docket by March 17, 2003. As a result, Staff and the OCC have been unable to prepare their response in this matter.

3. Staff and the OCC now request an extension of time until March 21, 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 21, 2003. We do, however, express to Staff and OCC that any request for further extension will likely be denied.

## **II. ORDER**

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

1. The Second 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  
March 12, 2003.**

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

Bruce N. Smith  
Director

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

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Commissioners

COMMISSIONER POLLY PAGE ABSENT.