

Decision No. C03-0312

**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 THIRD JOINT  
MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Mailed Date: March 26, 2003  
Adopted Date: March 26, 2003

**I. BY THE COMMISSION**

**A. Statement**

1. On March 26, 2003, Staff of the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (Staff) and the Colorado Office of Consumer Counsel (OCC) filed a third 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 two extensions of time, the first until March 14, 2003 by Decision No. C03-0226, and the second until March 21, 2003 by Decision No. C03-0276.

2. Staff and the OCC assert in their third joint motion that the basis for requesting this extension of time is primarily due to the severe snowstorm on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 18 and 19, 2003. The Attorney General's office closed early on Tuesday and remained closed on Wednesday. Further, Staff and the OCC state that the settlement discussions in Docket

No. 02S-315EG are still ongoing and have occupied most, if not all of the Staff and OCC's time. 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 26, 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 26, 2003. We do, however, express to Staff and OCC that this motion is granted because of the closing of the offices last week due to the blizzard and any further extension requested due to settlement negotiations in other dockets alone would likely have been denied.

## **II. ORDER**

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

1. The Third 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 26, 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.