

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

DOCKET NO. 03A-438T

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IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT APPLICATION OF WILLIAMS COMMUNICATIONS,  
LLC AND LEUCADIA NATIONAL CORPORATION TO EXECUTE A TRANSFER.

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**ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION**

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Mailed Date: November 13, 2003

Adopted Date: November 12, 2003

**I. BY THE COMMISSION**

**A. Statement**

1. On October 6, 2003, Williams Communications, LLC (WCL) and Leucadia National Corporation (Leucadia) filed an application to execute a transfer whereby WilTel Communications Group, Inc. (WilTel), will transfer ultimate ownership of WCL to Leucadia, pursuant to 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-25-8.

2. WCL was granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide local exchange telecommunications services and a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide certain emerging competitive telecommunications services in Commission Decision No. C98-1167. WCL was granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide additional emerging competitive telecommunications services and a Letter of Registration to provide non-optional operator services in Commission Decision No. C99-818.

3. WCL is a wholly owned subsidiary of WilTel. Leucadia currently owns approximately 47.7 percent of WilTel. As a result of the transaction Leucadia will be the 100 percent owner of WilTel.

4. WCL has effective tariffs on file with the Commission.

5. Notice of the application was posted on the Commission's web site on October 8, 2003. Interventions were due on or before November 7, 2003. None were filed.

**B. Discussion**

6. The application is unopposed and may be considered without a hearing. § 40-6-109(5), C.R.S.

7. The Commission finds that the proposed transfer of assets is not contrary to the public interest.

**II. ORDER**

**A. The Commission Orders That:**

1. The application by Williams Communications, LLC and Leucadia National Corporation is deemed complete.

2. The application to approve the transfer of Williams Communications, LLC is granted.

3. The obligation of Williams Communications, LLC to file an annual report with the Commission and contribute to all applicable Colorado funds for the period prior to the effective date of this Order remains. These funds include the Public Utilities Commission's Fixed Utilities Fund, the Colorado High Cost Administration Fund, the Telecommunications Relay Services for the Disabled Telephone Users Program, and the Emergency Telephone Access Act Program.

4. This Order is effective on its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING  
November 12, 2003.**

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