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BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In re the Matter of the Petition of	)	
	)	
WORLDCOM, INC. and	)	
SPRINT CORPORATION,	)	
	)	
for an Order Disclaiming Jurisdiction, or	)	DOCKET NO. UT-991991
in the Alternative, Approving the Transfer	)	
of Control of Sprint Corporation's	)	CAUSE NO. U-86-79
Washington Operating Subsidiaries to	)	
MCI WORLDCOM, Inc.	)	CAUSE NO. U-86-101
	)	
In the Matter of the Petitions of	)	
	)	FIFTH SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER
U.S. SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS	)	DISMISSING PROCEEDINGS
COMPANY, and	)	
	)	
MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS	)	
CORPORATION	)	
.....	)	

BACKGROUND

*1* On December 21, 1999, WORLDCOM, Inc. (WorldCom)<sup>1</sup> and Sprint Corporation (Sprint) (collectively Joint Petitioners) filed a joint petition (Petition) informing the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) that the companies had entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the Merger Agreement), and seeking an order disclaiming jurisdiction over the merger or, alternatively, approving the transfer of control of Sprint's Washington operating subsidiaries to WorldCom. On February 2, 2000, the Commission consolidated the merger proceeding with Cause Nos. U-86-79 and U-86-101, proceedings reopened by the Commission to determine whether waivers of the statutory and regulatory provisions pertaining to securities, transfers of property, and affiliated interests granted previously to MCI Telecommunications Corporation and Sprint Communications Company should be revoked. The Commission conducted hearings on the consolidated petitions May 16 through 19, 2000, and the parties have been in the process of preparing briefs addressing the merits.

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<sup>1</sup> Effective May 1, 2000, the name of MCI WORLDCOM, Inc. was changed to WORLDCOM, Inc. The names of all of the WorldCom subsidiaries operating in Washington remain unchanged by this parent holding company name change.

2 On July 17, 2000, WorldCom and Sprint filed a letter notifying the Commission that on July 13, 2000, the Boards of Directors of each of the Joint Petitioners terminated the Merger Agreement. The letter further requested that the Petition be withdrawn.

3 The Commission finds that it is in the public interest to grant the request of WorldCom and Sprint and dismiss the Petition. Likewise, Cause Nos. U-86-79 and U-86-101 should be closed, since the reopening of those proceedings related to the jurisdictional and substantive issues in the merger proceeding.

**ORDER**

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

4 The Petition of WorldCom and Sprint in Docket UT-991991 is dismissed.

5 The Petitions in the consolidated proceedings, Cause No. U-86-79 and Cause No. U-86-101 are closed and this proceeding is terminated.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2000.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARILYN SHOWALTER, Chairwoman

RICHARD HEMSTAD, Commissioner

WILLIAM GILLIS, Commissioner

**NOTICE TO PARTIES:**

**This is a final order of the Commission. In addition to judicial review, administrative relief may be available through a petition for reconsideration, filed within 10 days of the service of this order pursuant to RCW 34.05.470 and WAC 480-09-810, or a petition for rehearing pursuant to RCW 80.04.200 or RCW 81.04.200 and WAC 480-09-820(1).**