

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Commission on ) Application No. NUSF-1  
its own motion, seeking to )  
establish guidelines for ) PROGRESSION ORDER NO. 17  
administration of the Nebraska )  
Universal Service Fund. ) Entered: December 3, 2002

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N   A N D   F I N D I N G S

By letters filed on October 30, 2002 and November 22, 2002, MCI/Worldcom, Inc. (WorldCom), seeks an extension of time to comply with the Commission's order dated March 28, 2000 in NUSF-1, Progression Order No. 7. Through communications with WorldCom representatives, the Commission understands that WorldCom is currently in the process of restating its financial records. When WorldCom filed for bankruptcy, its board of directors appointed a Special Investigative Committee to conduct an independent review and preparation of its financial statements. KPMG, LLP was hired to replace WorldCom's auditors and is performing a new audit of the company's books. WorldCom expects that this audit will be completed by first quarter of 2003. WorldCom thus requests an extension of time until the KPMG audit has been completed, stating that this will give the Commission more substantial and reliable information.

In consideration of WorldCom's request for an extension, the Commission finds that since WorldCom's financial statements are currently being restated and that such data is the basis for the NUSF remittances, the Commission's audit of this data should be conducted following the certification of WorldCom's financial statements by KPMG. Since WorldCom is unsure of the exact timeframe for the completion of this process, the Commission directs WorldCom to notify the Commission in writing immediately following the completion of the KPMG audit. WorldCom will then have ten business days from the date the initial written notice is sent to the Commission to then file the requested information with the NUSF Department.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the extension request filed by WorldCom be and it is hereby granted conditional upon compliance with the terms and conditions herein.

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MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 3rd day of  
December 2002.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

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*Frank E. Landis*

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//s//Anne C. Boyle  
//s//Frank E. Landis

*Anne Boyle*  
Chair

ATTEST:

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Executive Director