

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

WORLD TELECOM GROUP, INC., APPLICATION )  
FOR CERTIFICATION OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE )  
AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE INTRASTATE ) CASE NO. 93-325  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN THE )  
STATE OF KENTUCKY )

O R D E R

On September 3, 1993, World Telecom Group, Inc. ("World Telecom") filed an application with the Commission seeking a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to resell intrastate long-distance telecommunications services within the Commonwealth of Kentucky. World Telecom is a Nevada corporation with its principal offices in the state of California. World Telecom intends to resell tariffed services of facilities-based carriers certified by this Commission. World Telecom does not request authority to provide operator-assisted telecommunications services.

World Telecom does not own or operate, nor does it intend to construct, any telecommunications transmission facilities within the Commonwealth of Kentucky. World Telecom proposes to provide service in Kentucky only through the sale of prepaid calling cards. All intrastate telecommunications transmission services will be provided by an underlying carrier certified by this Commission.

World Telecom filed its proposed tariff on September 3, 1993. In response to the Commission's request for additional information,

World Telecom filed revised tariff sheets on November 8, 1993. All supplemental information requested by the Commission has been filed.

World Telecom's response to Item 11(e) of the Commission's data request indicates that the depletion of the subscriber's account is purely dependent on the subscriber's usage and desire to continue utilizing the service by replenishing the account. Therefore, the Company has virtually no control over when service is terminated. The Commission will treat World Telecom's response as a request for waiver of the Commission's regulations contained in 807 KAR 5:006, Sections 13(5), Advanced Termination Notice and Section 14, Refusal or Termination of Service.

World Telecom has requested a waiver of the Commission's regulations contained in 807 KAR 5:006, Section 6, Billings, Meter Readings, and Information. In support of its request, World Telecom states that the discretionary nature of World Telecom's service makes the provision of regular billing a virtual impossibility as subscribers may deplete their account immediately, over a period of several months, or, in extreme cases, not at all. World Telecom further states that subscribers are not required to provide their address to World Telecom when they purchase the prepaid calling card and therefore providing a monthly billing statement is not practical.

After consideration of the application, matters of record and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds the application demonstrates World Telecom's financial, managerial, and

technical capability to provide utility service. World Telecom should be authorized to resell intrastate long-distance telecommunications services within the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The rates proposed by World Telecom should be approved as the fair, just, and reasonable rates to be charged. With good cause having been shown, World Telecom's requests for waivers of the Commission's regulations in KAR 5:006, Sections 6, 13(5), and 14 should be granted

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. World Telecom be and it hereby is granted authority to resell intrastate long-distance telecommunications services within the Commonwealth of Kentucky on and after the date of this Order.

2. World Telecom's authority to provide service is strictly limited to those services described in this Order and World Telecom's application.

3. IntraLATA services shall be provided in accordance with the restrictions and conditions of service contained in Administrative Case No. 323.<sup>1</sup>

4. World Telecom's requests for waivers of the Commission's regulations contained in 807 KAR 5:006, Sections 6, 13(5) and 14 are hereby granted.

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<sup>1</sup> Administrative Case No. 323, An Inquiry Into IntraLATA Toll Competition, An Appropriate Compensation Scheme for Completion of IntraLATA Calls by Interexchange Carriers, and WATS Jurisdictionality, Phase I, Order Dated May 6, 1991.

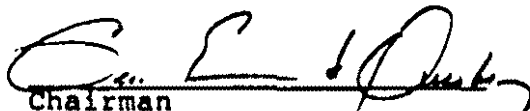
5. Upon purchase of World Telecom's prepaid calling card, all subscribers shall be clearly notified of all provisions relating to the expiration of the service.

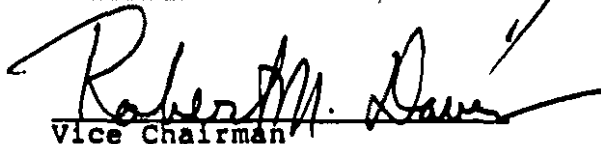
6. The rates proposed by World Telecom on September 3, 1993 and amended on November 8, 1993 are hereby approved for service rendered on and after the date of this Order.

7. Within 30 days from the date of this Order, World Telecom shall refile its September 3, 1993 proposed tariff as revised on November 8, 1993 without modifications pursuant to 807 KAR 5:011 and to conform to the restrictions and conditions of service contained herein.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 10th day of January, 1994.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

  
Chairman

  
Vice Chairman

  
Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director