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Decision _____

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In re Application of WORLDCOM, INC. for Approval
to Acquire Control of MCI Communications
Corporation to WorldCom, Inc.

Application 97-10-045
(Filed October 17, 1997)

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

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WorldCom, Inc. (applicant) filed the instant application for approval for its acquisition of control of MCI Communications Corporation (MCI) via a hostile tender offer. Subsequent to the launch of the tender offer, on November 9, 1997, MCI agreed to be acquired by applicant under an Agreement and Plan of Merger (Agreement). In a ruling dated December 1, 1997, applicant was granted until December 5, 1997 to file its response to the protest of GTE California, Inc. (GTEC). On December 4, 1997, applicant filed a motion to withdraw the application and to submit a new application jointly with MCI which fully details the Agreement. Applicant has also asked that the period for filing a response to the GTEC protest be extended until after the order of the Commission on the motion. GTEC notified the assigned Administrative Law Judge on December 9, 1997 that it does not object to the withdrawal of the instant application. Therefore, the request for the extension of time is moot and the motion to withdraw the application should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that, upon written request of the applicant, Application 97-10-045 is withdrawn under Public Utilities Code Section 308 and Resolution A-4638, effective today.

Dated JAN 09 1998, at San Francisco, California.



WESLEY M. FRANKLIN
Executive Director