

Decision 00-06-029 June 8, 2000

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

The Utility Consumers' Action Network (UCAN),

Complainant,

vs.

MCI Telecommunications Corporation (U 5011 C),

Defendant.

Case 99-06-034  
(Filed June 14, 1999)

**ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE**

Pub. Util. Code § 1701.2(d) provides that adjudicatory cases shall be resolved within 12 months of initiation unless the Commission makes findings why that deadline cannot be met and issues an order extending that deadline. In this proceeding, the 12-month deadline for resolving this matter is June 14, 2000. The complainant and defendant filed a settlement agreement on April 21, 2000. Intervenor Office of Ratepayer Advocates filed an opposition to the settlement agreement on May 12, 2000. Defendant has requested an extension of time to respond to the opposition due to the unavoidable unavailability of its counsel. Such extension is appropriate, and accordingly the Commission by this order will extend the statutory deadline, which is no longer practicable.

Under Rule 77.7(f)(4) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Commission may reduce or waive the period for public review and comment of draft decisions extending the deadline for resolving adjudicatory proceedings.

Accordingly, pursuant to Rule 77.7(f)(4), the otherwise applicable Pub. Util. Code § 1701.2(d) statutory deadline for public review and comment is being waived.

**Findings of Fact**

1. This proceeding was initiated on June 14, 1999.
2. Based upon the 12-month statutory deadline, this proceeding must be resolved on or before June 14, 2000, unless this date is extended.
3. The current schedule allows insufficient time to resolve this proceeding before the 12-month statutory deadline runs.
4. An extension is required to allow defendant to respond to the opposition filed by the Office of Ratepayer Advocates.

**Conclusion of Law**

The 12-month statutory deadline imposed by Pub. Util. Code § 1701.2(d) should be extended effective immediately, until further order.

**IT IS ORDERED** that the 12-month statutory deadline in this proceeding is extended until further order.

This order is effective today.

Dated June 8, 2000, at San Francisco, California.

LORETTA M. LYNCH  
President  
HENRY M. DUQUE  
JOSIAH L. NEEPER  
RICHARD A. BILAS  
CARL W. WOOD  
Commissioners