- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

MCImetro Access Transmission Services Corp. d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services' Notice of Name Change to MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services

In the Matter of the Petition of MCI Metro Access Transmission Services, Inc. for Authority to Compete as a Telecommunications Corporation and to Offer Local Exchange for Public Telecommunications Services DOCKET NOS. 21-2245-01 and 21-095-01

DOCKET NO. 96-095-02

ORDER ACKNOWLEDGING NEW NAME AND AMENDING CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

ISSUED: November 4, 2021

BACKGROUND

On October 4, 2021, MCImetro Access Transmission Services Corp. d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services ("MCImetro") notified the Public Service Commission (PSC) of its name change from MCImetro Access Transmission Services Corp. d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services to MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services ("Notice").

MCImetro holds a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") to provide competitive local exchange service in Utah granted pursuant to the PSC's January 29, 1997 order in Docket No. 96-095-02 ("095 CPCN"). MCImetro has, throughout the time it has provided competitive local exchange service under its Utah CPCN, been a subsidiary of MCI, Inc. and successor entities ("MCI Parent"). Relatedly, the PSC granted WorldCom Technologies, Inc. ("WorldCom") a CPCN to provide competitive local exchange service in Utah in a May 19, 1998 order in Docket No. 97-2245-01 ("2245 CPCN"). The PSC later approved a corporate reorganization of entities under MCI Parent, including MCImetro and WorldCom, in a

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September 8, 1999 order in Docket No. 99-095-01. Under that order, the 2245 CPCN was transferred to another entity under MCI Parent, MCI WorldCom Communications Inc., later renamed MCI Communications LLC ("MCIC"). MCI Parent and its subsidiaries were acquired by Verizon, Inc. ("Verizon") in a merger the PSC approved on September 16, 2005 in Docket No. 05-2430-01.¹

On October 13, 2021, the Division of Public Utilities (DPU) filed a memorandum recommending the PSC acknowledge MCImetro's name change. No other party filed comments.

<u>ORDER</u>

The Notice states that MCImetro registered its new name with the Utah Division of Corporations and Commercial Code, and that its name change, based on a change of its corporate form from a corporation to a limited liability company, will not result in a change to the rates, terms, and conditions of the services that MCImetro offers to customers in Utah. Based on those details, the PSC's review of MCImetro's corporate history since its initial receipt of a CPCN, the PSC's review of DPU's comments, and DPU's recommendation, the PSC acknowledges MCImetro's name change and amends MCImetro's CPCN to reflect its new business name. The amended Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity is attached as <u>Exhibit A</u>.

¹ MCImetro filed the Notice under the 2245 CPCN, but states in the Notice that MCImetro's CPCN is the 095 CPCN and MCImetro filed notice of its last name change on November 14, 2016, in Docket No. 16-095-01, under the 095 CPCN. Meanwhile, MCIC filed notice of its own name change in July of 2020 also under the 095 CPCN. Both MCImetro and MCIC have each on different occasions since 2004 filed price lists and other notices with the PSC under both the 095 CPCN and the 2245 CPCN. Based on the PSC's review of the history of MCImetro's and MCIC's CPCNs, and MCImetro's statement in its Notice, the Notice pertains to the 095 CPCN. This Order is filed in multiple dockets, including a new Docket No. 21-095-01, to clarify the history of MCImetro's CPCN.

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DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, November 4, 2021.

/s/ Thad LeVar, Chair

/s/ David R. Clark, Commissioner

/s/ Ron Allen, Commissioner

Attest:

/s/ Gary L. Widerburg PSC Secretary DW#321012

Notice of Opportunity for Agency Review or Rehearing

Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. §§ 63G-4-301 and 54-7-15, a party may seek agency review or rehearing of this order by filing a request for review or rehearing with the PSC within 30 days after the issuance of the order. Responses to a request for agency review or rehearing must be filed within 15 days of the filing of the request for review or rehearing. If the PSC fails to grant a request for review or rehearing within 30 days after the filing of a request for review or rehearing, it is deemed denied. Judicial review of the PSC's final agency action may be obtained by filing a Petition for Review with the Utah Supreme Court within 30 days after final agency action. Any Petition for Review must comply with the requirements of Utah Code Ann. §§ 63G-4-401, 63G-4-403, and the Utah Rules of Appellate Procedure.

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EXHIBIT A

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ISSUED: November 4, 2021

The Public Service Commission of Utah, pursuant to Utah Code Ann. § 54-8b-2.1, issues

an Amended Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing MCImetro Access

Transmission Services LLC d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services to provide public

telecommunications services within the State of Utah, subject to the limitations set forth in

Docket No. 96-095-02, and directly related subsequent dockets.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I CERTIFY that on November 4, 2021, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served upon the following as indicated below:

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