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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH

In the Matter of the Petition of)	
MCImetro Access Transmission Services, Inc.)	DOCKET NO.96-095-02
for Authority to Compete as a)	
Telecommunications Corporation and to)	REQUEST FOR
offer Local Exchange for)	AGENCY ACTION
Public Telecommunications Services)	

I. INTRODUCTION

This Request for Agency Action is submitted to the Public Service Commission of Utah (the "Commission") for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("Certificate") authorizing MCImetro Access Transmission Services, Inc. ("MCImetro" or "Applicant") to provide intrastate telecommunications services in the state of Utah, initially in those areas

served by U S West Communications, Inc. ("U S West"). This request is made pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (Utah Admin. Code R746-100) and Section 63-46b-3 of the Utah Administrative Procedures Act. In addition, MCImetro petitions the Commission for authority to compete as telecommunications corporation (as defined at Utah Code Ann. § 54-8b-2(7)) and to compete in providing telecommunications services (as defined at Utah Code Ann. § 54-8b-(6)). In support of its application, MCImetro states:

II. IDENTITY OF APPLICANT

MCImetro is a Delaware corporation, incorporated on February 9, 1990. MCImetro's principal place of business is at 8521 Leesburg Pike, Vienna, Virginia, 22182. The telephone number is (703) 918-6000.

MCImetro is a wholly-owned subsidiary of MCI Telecommunications Corporation, an interexchange carrier certified in Utah and other states to provide interexchange long distance service. MCIT is a wholly-owned subsidiary of MCI Communications Corporation ("MCIC"). MCImetro registered with the Utah Division of Corporations and Commercial Code as a foreign corporation on May 21, 1990.

Applicant is authorized to provide telecommunications services, including switched local exchange services, in the following 21 states: California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New York, New Jersey, North Carolina, Minnesota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Oregon, Virginia Wash-

ington and Wisconsin. Applications for local exchange authority are pending in Arizona, Missouri and Texas.

III. MANAGERIAL QUALIFICATIONS

MCImetro has the managerial experience and ability to provide the services for which the Certificate is sought. The experience and background of Applicant's officers who will have primary responsibility for providing local telecommunications services to customers in Utah are summarized in Exhibit 1 to this Petition. These same officers are responsible for MCImetro's operations in other states in which it provides services.

IV. TECHNICAL QUALIFICATIONS

MCImetro possesses the technical expertise necessary to provide the services that will be offered pursuant to the authority sought in this application. MCImetro and its affiliates have substantial experience with respect to providing telecommunications services, not only in the state of Utah, but throughout the world.

MCImetro currently local telecommunications provides services in 33 cities and has installed 13 class 5 switches. By the end of 1996, MCImetro projects that it will have installed 11 additional class 5 switches.

V. FINANCIAL QUALIFICATIONS

MCImetro has the financial resources necessary to provide the local telecommunications services to be offered pursuant to the authority sought in this Petition. As indicated above, MCImetro is a wholly-owned subsidiary of MCIT, which, in turn, is a wholly-owned

subsidiary of MCIC. MCIC is a multinational corporation with total 1995 year-end assets and revenues, including subsidiary operations, of \$19.3 billion and \$15.3 billion, respectively.

MCIC and its affiliates will provide all funds necessary for MCImetro to provide the proposed services.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

All communications, filings, orders, and correspondence in regard to and any questions concerning this Application should be directed to:

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VII. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED SERVICE AND SERVICE TERRITORY

MCImetro requests that the Commission grant it a Certificate authorizing it to provide a full-range of telecommunications services, including, but not limited to, resale, various intra-state private line services and switched services and local exchange services. As the necessary facilities are installed or acquired, Applicant plans to offer the following categories of local service:

- (a) Local Exchange Service - a service that enables customers to originate and terminate local calls to other customers served by MCImetro as well as to customers of other local exchange carriers. MCImetro's local exchange service will also provide customers the ability to access their choice of interexchange carriers.
- (b) Exchange Access Service - switched access services to interexchange carriers to permit them to originate and terminate interstate and intrastate calls to customers of MCImetro.

The specific types of services MCImetro plans to offer include, but are not limited to: Two-Way Lines/Trunks, Direct Inward/Outward Dialing Options, Local Calling, Operator-Assisted Services, Directory Assistance, Dual Party Relay and Other Special Needs Services, and 911 Emergency Services. MCImetro may also offer local services by utilizing the switching and transport capacity of other existing telecommunications providers pursuant to negotiated or tariffed arrangements.

MCImetro's local network will be comprised of a state-of-the-art telecommunications network that will serve as a platform for providing a full range of local services. The company's network will consist of the following components: (a) high reliability fiber rings using

synchronous optical networks ("SONET") technology; (b) digital switches, and (c) special application computers, software and databases.

MCImetro plans to install the most advanced digital switches along the SONET rings in order to facilitate the interconnection of customers to the rest of the public switched telephone network ("PSTN"). MCImetro may use state-of-the-art switches from Northern Telecom, Siemens or other manufacturers depending on the actual network design and capacity and costs. MCImetro expects to rely to a large degree on the newer "remote" switching technology in addition to host switching technology. Both types of switches contain fully redundant hardware and software that will provide maximum reliability and availability to all customers.

MCImetro will provide all customers with access to emergency services including 911 and E911 emergency services where available, and will cooperate with existing telecommunications companies, and other affected agencies and organizations, to arrange for the necessary interconnections to enable efficient completion of these calls.

Service to end users will be provided by means of connections from Applicant's network to the end-user's facilities, where such connections exist or can be timely and economically constructed. Applicant will use other facilities when its own network cannot be feasibly connected to the customer's location, and where the use of such alternative facilities is technically and economically feasible.

Service quality is one of the important criteria by which customers will select and judge their local phone company. Applicant will meet the service quality standards required by the Commission's rules, and surpass those standards when customers so demand.

Applicant will offer its services on a non-discriminatory basis. MCImetro plans to interconnect its network with U S West and other local exchange carriers in order to bring the widest range of services to consumers in Utah. Upon completion of negotiations concerning the terms and rates of interconnection with the ILECs, MCImetro will file the appropriate price list.

VIII. COMPETITORS

All parties known to have a direct interest in this Request for Agency Action, including those entities holding a certificate to provide public telecommunications services within the area in which MCImetro seeks to serve, are listed on the attached Certificate of Service. Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. §§ 54-8b-2.1(3) (b) and 63-4b-3, those parties have been served with a copy of this Request for Agency Action.

IX. JURISDICTION

Jurisdiction over the issuance of Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity to telecommunications corporations authorizing the company to compete in Utah's local exchange or other telecommunication service markets rests with this Commission pursuant to Utah Code Ann. § 54-8b-2.1 (1).

X. CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

Last year, the Utah Legislature passed the 1995 Telecommunications Reform Act (“Utah Act”). The purpose of the Utah Act was to open the local exchange telecommunications market to competition. Earlier this year, the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (“Federal Act”) was passed to promote competition across the nation in the local exchange telecommunications market. Approval of MCImetro’s Request for Agency Action is in the public interest and in compliance with objectives of the Utah and Federal acts.

XI. CONCLUSION

In light of its technical, financial, and managerial resources and capabilities, MCImetro respectfully requests that the Commission expeditiously enter an Order granting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity pursuant to Utah Code Ann. §§ 54-4-25 and 54-8b-2.1 to authorize MCImetro Access Transmission Services, Inc. to offer services as a reseller and facilities-based provider in its proposed service territory.

DATED this _____ day of October, 1996.

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I hereby certify that on the _____ day of October, 1996, I caused a true and correct copy of MCIMETRO'S REQUEST FOR AGENCY ACTION, to be mailed, postage prepaid, to the following:

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