

-BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH-

In the Matter of the Joint Application of British Telecommunications plc, BT Group plc, and AT&T Corp. for Approval of Transfer of Control of Concert Communications Sales L.L.C)))))	<u>DOCKET NO. 01-2274-01</u> <u>ORDER AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF CONTROL</u> <u>TO BRITISH TELECOMMUNICATIONS PLC</u>
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ISSUED: March 1, 2002

By The Commission:

By Application filed December 24, 2001, Concert Communications Sales L.L.C. ("Concert"), British Telecommunications plc ("BT"), BT Group plc ("BT Group"), and AT&T Corp. ("AT&T"), jointly request Commission approval of a change in control of Concert. Concert currently is 50 percent indirectly owned by AT&T and 50 percent indirectly owned by BT. BT is 100 percent indirectly owned by the holding company BT Group. The joint applicants propose a transaction whereby BT will become the 100 percent indirect owner of Concert. While the proposed transaction will change control of Concert, Concert will maintain its independent identity and continue to operate under its previously issued certificate (See, PSC Docket No. 99-2274-01). The transaction is proposed in furtherance of a determination by AT&T and BT that they could better serve their current and potential customers by dissolving their joint venture. The proposed transaction offers the possibility of enhanced competition in the provision of the intrastate component of global telecommunications services.

By Memorandum submitted January 4, 2002, the Division of Public Utilities recommended that the Commission approve the Application and suggested proceeding pursuant to Rule 110.

The Commission concludes that it may follow Rule 110 in this docket. Pursuant to that Rule, the Commission may enter an Order, without hearing. The Order issued herein will be tentative for a 20 day period. The Commission approves the change in control of Concert; no detriment has been shown and likely benefit has been established.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that:

1. The transfer of control of Concert Communications Sales L.L.C., to British Telecommunications plc, is approved.
2. This Order is issued pursuant to Rule 110 and shall be effective 20 days from the issuance date. Any person may file a protest to this Order prior to its effective date and the Commission shall suspend the effectiveness of this Order, pending further proceedings, upon the filing of a meritorious protest. Absent the filing of any meritorious protest during that 20 day period, the Order shall automatically become effective without further action.
3. Notice of this Order shall be made by the Commission through the Commission's Telecommunications notice list.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, this 1st day of March, 2002.

/s/ Stephen F. Mecham, Chairman

/s/ Constance B. White, Commissioner

/s/ Richard M. Campbell, Commissioner

Attest:

/s/ Julie Orchard

Commission Secretary

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