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Illinois Independent Telephone Association)
Petition for initiation of an investigation of the necessity of and the establishment of a Universal Service Support Fund in accordance with Section 13-301(d) of the Public Utilities Act.)

Docket No. 00-0233

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PETITION FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE

Pursuant to the Rules of Practice of the Illinois Commerce Commission, 83 Ill. Adm. Code Section 200.200, MCI WORLDCOM, Inc., on behalf of itself and on behalf of its affiliated companies, by and through its attorneys, respectfully requests that it be granted leave to intervene and be made a party in the above-captioned proceeding. In support of this Petition, MCI WORLDCOM, Inc. states as follows:

1. On September 14, 1998, WorldCom, Inc. completed its merger with MCI Communications Corporation. The merged companies are now known collectively as MCI WORLDCOM, Inc. ("MCI WorldCom"). MCI WorldCom is a corporation duly authorized to do business in the State of Illinois. Various Illinois operating subsidiaries of MCI WorldCom are subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission. MCI WorldCom has its principal Illinois offices at 205 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60601, telephone number (312) 470-2121.

2. MCI Telecommunications Corporation is a telecommunications carrier providing competitive interexchange telecommunications services throughout the State of Illinois, and is authorized to provide such services on an interMSA and intraMSA basis. See Orders of the Illinois Commerce Commission, Docket No. 83-0670, June 27, 1984, May 14, 1996 and September 30, 1997; see also 220 ILCS 5/13-202, 5/13-203 (1993). MCImetro ACCESS

TRANSMISSION SERVICES, INC. ("MCImetro") is certificated to provide resold and facilities-based local telecommunications services in those portions of the state served by Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a Ameritech Illinois ("Ameritech"). *MCI Metro Access Transmission Services, Inc.*, Order, Illinois Commerce Commission Docket No. 94-0400, August 16, 1995; *MCImetro ACCESS TRANSMISSION SERVICES, INC.*, Order, Illinois Commerce Commission Docket No. 97-0057, March 12, 1997. In addition, other MCI WorldCom subsidiaries, including WorldCom Technologies, Inc., are certificated to provide various types of telecommunications services in Illinois. *See, e.g.*, Order, Illinois Commerce Commission Docket No. 97-0349, September 24, 1997, as amended December 3, 1997.

3. As certificated telecommunications carriers doing business in Illinois, MCI WorldCom's affiliated companies may be directly and substantially affected by any determinations that the Commission may make regarding the issues in the above-captioned proceeding.

4. No other party to this proceeding can adequately represent MCI WorldCom's interests.

5. MCI WorldCom accepts the status of the record as it exists today and is not requesting party status for the purposes of delay.

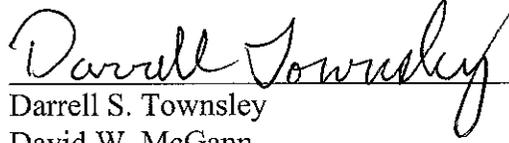
WHEREFORE, MCI WorldCom respectfully requests that its Petition for Leave to Intervene be granted, and that it be made a party to this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

MCI WORLDCOM, Inc.

Dated: April 24, 2000

By:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Darrell S. Townsley", is written over a horizontal line.

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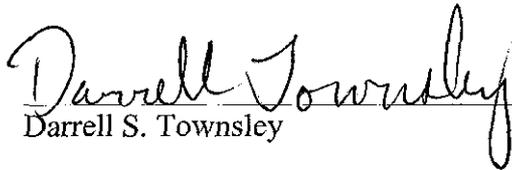
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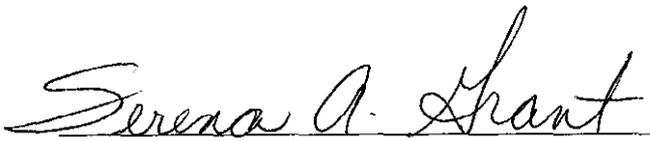
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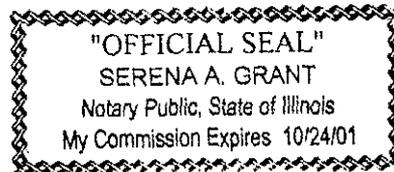
Darrell S. Townsley, being first duly sworn, deposes and states that he is an attorney representing MCI WORLDCOM, Inc., that he has read the Petition for Leave to Intervene of MCI WORLDCOM, Inc. in Illinois Commerce Commission Docket No. 00-0233 and knows the contents thereof, and that the statements therein contained are true, to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.


Darrell S. Townsley

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to
before me this 24th day of April, 2000


Notary Public

My commission expires on 10/24/01.

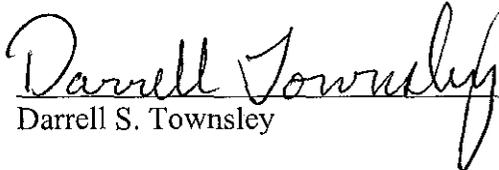


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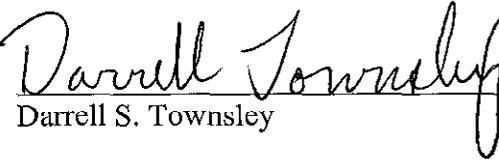
Please take notice that on April 24, 2000 I caused to be sent by Airborne Express Next Business Day Delivery, postage prepaid, an original and two copies of MCI WORLDCOM, Inc.'s Petition for Leave to Intervene in the above-captioned matter to the Chief Clerk of the Illinois Commerce Commission, Donna Caton, 527 E. Capitol, P.O. Box 19280, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9280.



Darrell S. Townsley

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Darrell S. Townsley, certify that I caused to be served from MCI WORLDCOM, Inc.'s Chicago, Illinois offices a copy of its Petition for Leave to Intervene in the above-captioned docket, together with a Notice of Filing, upon all parties on the attached service list on this 24th day of April, 2000 by United States First Class Mail, postage prepaid.



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