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In the Matter of the )  
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Section 63.71 Application of WorldCom, Inc. )  
on behalf of its subsidiaries, )  
WorldCom Wireless, Inc. and MCI Wireless, Inc. )  
 )  
For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 )  
of the Communications Act of 1934, )  
as Amended, to Partially Discontinue )  
the Provision of Wireless Service )

**SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION**

WorldCom Inc. (WorldCom), on behalf of its subsidiaries, WorldCom Wireless, Inc. and MCI Wireless, Inc., hereby seeks authorization pursuant to section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §214, and section 63.71 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §63.71, to initiate a partial discontinuance, effective on or about September 6, 2002, of WorldCom's offering of resold wireless services carried on the ALLTEL network.<sup>1</sup>

With respect to the services to be discontinued, WorldCom Wireless and MCI Wireless are considered non-dominant subsidiaries of WorldCom, a non-dominant provider of competitive telecommunications services. WorldCom requests authority to discontinue resold wireless service to approximately 4,000 customers whose service is carried on the ALLTEL network in

<sup>1</sup> Under the Commission's rules, commercial mobile radio service (CMRS) providers are not required to seek authority to discontinue service. 47 C.F.R. §20.15(b)(3). Thus, WorldCom files this application both out of an overabundance of caution, and to give our customers substantially greater notice than is required by the Commission's rules.



the following markets: Arizona, Florida, New Mexico, Ohio, and Texas.<sup>2</sup> The decision to exit the wireless communications services business will not impact any other service that these or any other customers currently receive from WorldCom, MCI or any of our other affiliates.

WorldCom is in the process of exiting the business of providing wireless communication services. As a result, WorldCom will not be able to provide wireless service carried on the ALLTEL network to customers after September 6, 2002. Substitute services are available from other CMRS providers, as well as ALLTEL Communications, Inc., in the relevant regions. Thus, the public convenience and necessity will not be adversely affected by the discontinuance of resold wireless service in these states.

Coincident with the filing of this application, customers have been sent notification of intent to discontinue service, the text of which is attached as Attachment 1. WorldCom is also providing customers with a toll-free customer assistance number for purposes of addressing any questions or concerns that may arise during the withdrawal transition period.

A copy of this application has been submitted to the Secretary of Defense and the Public Utility Commission and Governor of each state in which the discontinuance is proposed.

In support of this Application, WorldCom hereby provides the following information as required under section 63.71(a):

1. Name and Address of Carrier:

WorldCom, Inc.  
1133 19th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20036

2. Date of Planned Service Discontinuance:

September 6, 2002

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<sup>2</sup> The remainder of WorldCom's customers on the ALLTEL network, approximately 20,000, will be transitioned to ALLTEL without any interruption in service.

3. Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected:

Arizona, Florida, New Mexico, Ohio, and Texas

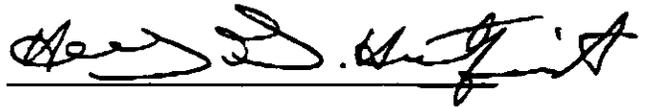
4. Brief Description of Type of Service Affected:

Wireless Resale

For the foregoing reasons, WorldCom, Inc., on behalf of its subsidiaries, WorldCom Wireless, Inc. and MCI Wireless, Inc., respectfully requests, pursuant to section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §214 and section 63.71 of the Commission's rules, 47. C.F.R. §63.71, that the Commission approve this application.

Respectfully Submitted,

WORLD COM, INC.



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Dated: August 2, 2002

**Attachment 1**

{Bill To Name}  
{Attention}  
{City} {State} {Zip}  
{barcode}

Date:  
MIN:

Dear {Bill To Name}:

Please read this very important information regarding your wireless service. WorldCom Wireless is in the process of exiting the business of providing wireless communication services. As a result, WorldCom Wireless will discontinue the provision of wireless service to you following September 6, 2002. The decision to discontinue wireless communications service will not impact any other service you currently receive from WorldCom, MCI or any of our other affiliates.

**Please be advised that you will continue to receive wireless services provided and billed by WorldCom Wireless through the earlier (i) you request WorldCom Wireless to cancel your service, or (ii) September 6, 2002.**

**You may receive up to two additional invoices from WorldCom Wireless that will require prompt payment. Any questions or concerns you may have can be directed to WorldCom Wireless customer service by calling 1-800-983-2220.**

The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier, or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments within 15 business days after receipt of this notification. Address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C. 20554, referencing the Section 63.71 Application of WorldCom, Inc. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

All of us at WorldCom Wireless wish to thank you for your business.

Sincerely,

WorldCom Wireless

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Barbara Nowlin, hereby certify that on this 2nd day of August, 2002, copies of this SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION were sent to the following:

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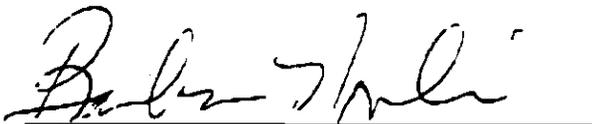
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