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### **VIA AIRBORNE EXPRESS**

Executive Secretary
Florida Public Service Commission
2450 Schumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Re:

Joint Application of Network Long Distance, Inc. and Eastern Telecom International Corporation for Approval of a Merger/Request to Cancel Certification

Docket 98-0097-11

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Dear Sir/Madam:

Pursuant to the above referenced Docket, the enclosed original and fifteen (15) copies of this letter shall serve as confirmation of the consummation of the Merger between Eastern Telecom International Corporation d/b/a Eastern Telecom Corporation of Virginia ("Eastern") into Network Long Distance, Inc. ("Network").

Pursuant to the Commission's Order No. PSC-98-0377-FOF-TI issued on March 9, 1998 (a copy of which is enclosed herewith for reference) Eastern hereby requests cancellation of IXC Certificate No. 2966.

An additional copy of this letter has been enclosed to be date stamped and returned in the envelope provided.

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A:	Please call me should you have a assistance with this matter.	Please call me should you have any questions concerning this filing. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.	
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#### BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Joint application of Network Long Distance, Inc. d/b/aORDER NO. PSC-98-0377-FOF-TI LDN, Inc. and Eastern Telecom Corporation d/b/a Eastern Telecom Corporation of Virginia for approval of merger.

DOCKET NO. 980097-TI

ISSUED: March 9, 1998

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

> JULIA L. JOHNSON, Chairman J. TERRY DEASON SUSAN F. CLARK JOE GARCIA E. LEON JACOBS, JR.

## NOTICE OF PROPOSED AGENCY ACTION ORDER APPROVING MERGER

BY THE COMMISSION:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Florida Public Service Commission that the action discussed herein is preliminary in nature and will become final unless a person whose interests are substantially affected files a petition for a formal proceeding, pursuant to Rule 25-22.029, Florida Administrative Code.

Pursuant to Section 364.33, Florida Statutes, a person may not acquire ownership or control of any telecommunications facility, or for the purpose of any extension thereof providing public, telecommunications services to the including the acquisition, transfer, or assignment of majority organizational control or controlling stock ownership, without prior approval from this Commission.

By letter dated January 13, 1998, Network Long Distance, Inc. d/b/a LDN, Inc. (LDN), holder of Interexchange Telecommunications (IXC) Certificate No. 3178, and Eastern Telecom Corporation d/b/a Eastern Telecom Corporation of Virginia (Eastern) request for Commission approval of merger of LDN with Eastern. The companies have stated that LDN will transfer all of the present customer accounts of Eastern to LDN and continue providing services to these customers under its current certificate and tariff on file with this Commission. Further, following the completion of the merger,

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Eastern will request the cancellation of IXC Certificate No. 2966.

We determine that LDN and Eastern have met the requirements of Section 364.33, Florida Statutes. Accordingly, we find that the merger is in the public interest, and we approve it pursuant to Section 364.33, Florida Statutes.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the merger between Network Long Distance, Inc. d/b/a LDN, Inc. and Eastern Telecom Corporation d/b/a Eastern Telecom Corporation of Virginia is hereby approved. It is further

ORDERED that the provisions of this Order, issued as proposed agency action, shall become final and effective unless an appropriate petition, in the form provided by Rule 25-22.036, Florida Administrative Code, is received by the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, by the close of business on the date set forth in the "Notice of Further Proceedings or Judicial Review" attached hereto. It is further

ORDERED that in the event this Order becomes final, this Docket shall be closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 9th day of March, 1998.

BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director
Division of Records and Reporting
By: /s/ Kay Flynn
Kay Flynn, Chief
Bureau of Records

This is a facsimile copy. A signed copy of the order may be obtained by calling 1-850-413-6770.

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# NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.569(1), Florida Statutes, to notify parties of any administrative hearing or judicial review of Commission orders that is available under Sections 120.57 or 120.68, Florida Statutes, as

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well as the procedures and time limits that apply. This notice should not be construed to mean all requests for an administrative hearing or judicial review will be granted or result in the relief sought.

Mediation may be available on a case-by-case basis. If mediation is conducted, it does not affect a substantially interested person's right to a hearing.

The action proposed herein is preliminary in nature and will not become effective or final, except as provided by Rule 25-22.029, Florida Administrative Code. Any person whose substantial interests are affected by the action proposed by this order may file a petition for a formal proceeding, as provided by Rule 25-22.029(4), Florida Administrative Code, in the form provided by Rule 25-22.036(7)(a) and (f), Florida Administrative Code. This petition must be received by the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, by the close of business on March 30, 1998.

In the absence of such a petition, this order shall become effective on the day subsequent to the above date as provided by Rule 25-22.029(6), Florida Administrative Code.

Any objection or protest filed in this docket before the issuance date of this order is considered abandoned unless it satisfies the foregoing conditions and is renewed within the specified protest period.

If this order becomes final and effective on the date described above, any party substantially affected may request judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility or by the First District Court of Appeal in the case of a water or wastewater utility by filing a notice of appeal with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting and filing a copy of the notice of appeal and the filing fee with the appropriate court.

This filing must be completed within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this order, pursuant to Rule 9.110, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure. The notice of appeal must be in the form specified in Rule 9.900(a), Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.