



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

March 15, 1994

D.P.U. 93-226

LDDS COMMUNICATIONS, INC./ADVANCED TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORP./
AND FIRST PHONE OF NEW ENGLAND, INC.

LDDS Communications, Inc. ("LDDS"), a Georgia corporation, and its two Massachusetts-certificated operating subsidiaries, Advanced Telecommunications Corp. ("ATC"), and First Phone of New England, Inc. ("First Phone") have filed a joint application requesting approval by the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") for the transfer of the certificate of public convenience and necessity ("certificate") currently held by ATC and First Phone to LDDS. ATC, First Phone and LDDS are certificated to provide telecommunications services within Massachusetts.

LDDS, ATC and First Phone propose a series of transactions whereby ATC and First Phone will merge into LDDS, with LDDS being the sole surviving corporation. Thereafter, LDDS will do business under the name "LDDSMETROMEDIA Communications" which is the national trade name that LDDS has adopted. Following consummation of the consolidation transaction, LDDSMETROMEDIA Communications would provide service to all customers previously served by ATC and First Phone, as well as to those customers which LDDS currently serves, pursuant to a single new consolidated tariff.

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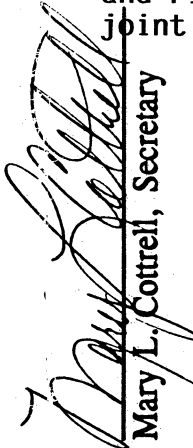
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Joint application for authority for Advanced Telecommunications Corp. and First Phone of New England, Inc. to merge into and with LDDS Communications, Inc.

Comments, objections and requests for a public hearing on the proposed application must be made in writing with specific reasons for requesting a public hearing, and filed with the Secretary of the Department on or before April 22, 1994.

The petitioner, LDDS Communications, Inc., is required to complete the following: (1) Give notice by publication hereof once, on or before April 1, 1994 {which is twenty-one (21) days prior to April 22, 1994}, in the Boston Globe, Morning Union (Springfield), Berkshire Eagle (Pittsfield), and Worcester Telegram; (2) Give notice by mailing a copy of this Notice to the Local Exchange and Interexchange Carriers on the attached lists on or before April 1, 1994; and (3) Make return of service and publications no later than April 29, 1994.

By Order of the Department,


Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary

Consent Communication #9

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A communication was received from the Department of Public Utilities investigating LDDS Communication, Advanced Telecommunications and First Phone of New England regarding a joint application.

IN City Council March 28, 1994

Referred to City
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