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Re: Request for approval of donation of the Local Exchange Routing Guide (LERG) for Commission use in evaluating the record in CC Docket No. 96-98 and Request for Confidentiality Pursuant to Section 0.459 of the Commission Rules

Dear Mr. Kennard:

Pursuant to Section 1.3002(b) of the Commission's rules, MCI hereby offers to provide to the Commission two copies of data files from the Bellcore Traffic Routing Administration's Local Exchange Routing Guide (LERG). These data are needed by the Commission staff to run an economic model that MCI and AT&T have jointly developed. The results of the model (named the "Hatfield" model after the consulting firm that developed it) were filed on the record in this proceeding by AT&T and MCI.

Commission staff have requested that MCI and AT&T provide the model in a form that permits them to use it to evaluate positions of the various parties concerning the economic cost of network functions. Based on expected demand among the staff for the model, MCI would provide one copy to the Competitive Pricing Division of the Common Carrier Bureau, and one to the Competition Division in the Office of General Counsel.

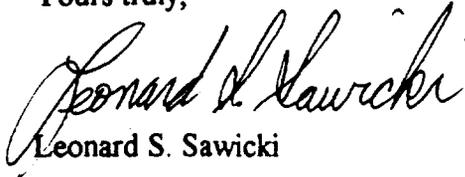
MCI seeks permission to provide two copies of the LERG data. This is an essential input to the model. MCI plans to purchase the LERG data at an estimated market value of approximately \$2,000. This information is not in the possession of the FCC staff and can only be purchased from Bellcore.

This donation of LERG data is made unconditionally by MCI, without any expectation that it will influence the Commission's views on the final rules in this docket. MCI also requests confidential treatment of the data pursuant to Section 0.459 of the Commission's Rules. The LERG data is a copyrighted commercial product of Bellcore and Bellcore has agreed that the Commission may use the data only on condition that it not be duplicated, that it be used only by the FCC, and that it be accorded confidential treatment. However, anyone who wants to get their own copy of the information may order it for a fee from Bellcore's Traffic Routing Administration.



At the same time as the model is made available to Commission staff, AT&T and MCI will file the model on the record of this docket, allowing interested parties to obtain copies of it from the Commission's copy contractor.

Yours truly,


Leonard S. Sawicki

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