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Acting Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF SECRETARY

Re: Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions in the Telecommunications Act of 1996; CC Docket No. 96-98

Dear Mr. Caton:

On August 27, 1996, Donald F. Evans and I met with Richard Welch and staff. The purpose of the meeting was to direct the staff's attention to two apparently conflicting sections of the First Report and Order in the above-captioned docket concerning whether competitive access providers could purchase unbundled network elements. MCI requested the staff's opinion on the correct reading of the order. Because, in MCI's view, this contact was in the nature of an inquiry (and was not a presentation on the merits of any particular outcome), MCI did not at that time file an ex parte notice. On September 23, 1996, Commission staff requested MCI file an ex parte disclosing that the inquiry was made.

Sincerely,

  
Mary L. Brown

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