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Mr. William F. Caton, Acting Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, NW Room 222  
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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Re: Ex Parte Presentation in CC Docket No. 97-137

Dear Mr. Caton:

On Wednesday, June 25, 1997, Susan Jin Davis, Senior Counsel for MCI, Mark Schneider, from the law firm of Jenner & Block representing MCI, and the undersigned, met with Melissa Waksman of the Policy Division, Common Carrier Bureau, and Carol Matthey, Deputy Chief of the Policy Division, Common Carrier Bureau. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss legal and policy issues related to Ameritech's filing for in-region long distance authority in Michigan. MCI also presented its views on the interpretation of when a Regional Bell Operating Company may file an application under Section 271 (c)(1)(A) or Section 271 (c)(1)(B), as stated in MCI's comments in CC Docket No. 97-137.

MCI also reviewed the barriers to entry that we face in entering the Michigan market and discussed the business imperatives that compel MCI's entry into the local market. MCI restated its view that 271 establishes a requirement for incumbents to open their markets to competition before 271 approval can be granted. We further stated our view that checklist compliance and the public interest test are two separate components that must be satisfied before the FCC can approve an application.

Two copies of this Notice are being submitted to the Secretary of the FCC in accordance with Section 1.1206(a)(2) of the Commission's rules.

Sincerely,

Kimberly M. Kirby

cc: Carol Matthey (CCB)  
Melissa Waksman (CCB)

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