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William F. Caton
Acting Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Room 222, Mail Stop 1170
1919 M Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Re: International Settlement Rates, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking,
IB Docket No. 96-261

Dear Mr. Caton:

WorldCom, Inc. ("WorldCom") hereby notifies the Commission, in duplicate, pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1206 (1996), that Robert S. Koppel, Vice President, International Regulatory Affairs met with Thomas Boasberg, Senior Legal Advisor to Chairman Reed Hundt, on July 18, 1997. A copy of this letter has been sent to Mr. Boasberg.

During the meeting, WorldCom reiterated that settlement rate benchmarks should be applied as a condition precedent to authorizations to provide switched voice over private lines on a route. WorldCom also reiterated its opposition to the FCC's imposition of any mandatory "flow-through" requirement of net settlement rate reductions. WorldCom emphasized that the market for the provision of international telephone services is highly competitive, and therefore, a "flow-through" requirement is unnecessary, as well as unworkable.

Should there be questions concerning this matter, please contact the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

Robert S. Koppel

Robert S. Koppel
Vice President, International
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cc: Thomas Boasberg

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