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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Room 222
1919 M Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: CC Docket 95-116: Local Number Portability

Dear Ms. Salas:

On January 30 and February 2, I had conversations with Patrick Donovan of the Common Carrier Bureau concerning LNP cost recovery. We discussed the staff's options for computation and application of end user charges for the recovery of incumbent local exchange carrier LNP costs. These charges would be specified in Federal tariffs and be applied in areas where LNP is in use.

MCI stated that LNP costs should not be recovered in carrier access charges or another ways that violate the Act's mandate for competitive neutrality. For example, LECs could not levy these charges on unbundled loops or other unbundled network elements. End user charges, like the one suggested, would be competitively neutral. In any event, the FCC would have to carefully review the cost estimates provided by the LECs before allowing any charge. While this proposal deals with recovery of so-called Type 1 and Type 2 costs, the FCC must still take the step of determining how Type 1 costs are allocated among carriers.

Please add this letter and the enclosed copy to the record of this proceeding.

Sincerely,

Leonard S. Sawicki

cc: Mr. Donovan

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