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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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Re: CC Docket No. 97-211: WorldCom/MCI Merger
CC Docket No. 94-1: LEC Price Caps
CC Docket No. 96-45: Universal Service
CC Docket No. 96-262: Access Charge Reform
CC Docket No. 96-98: LCI OSS Petition
ISP-97-M-708: International Settlements Policy Modification

Dear Ms. Salas:

On February 10, 1998, Timothy F. Price, President and COO, and Jonathan Sallet, Chief Policy Counsel of MCI Communications Corporation met with Chairman William Kennard, and Larry Strickling, Chief, Competition Division, Office of General Counsel to discuss the impact of recent regulatory and judicial action on MCI's business and its ability to invest in the local telephone market. Messieurs Price and Sallet emphasized the need for the Federal Communications Commission to take certain critical actions in the near term: (i) speedy approval of the WorldCom/MCI merger; (ii) the establishment of national standards for OSS; (iii) the reduction of international accounting rates by adherence to the Commission's benchmarks and (iv) correction of PICCC/USF implementation problems including zero usage customers and the lack of accurate local exchange carrier data.

In accordance with Section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's Rules, an original and one copy of this notice are being submitted to the Secretary.

Sincerely,

Lisa B. Smith
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cc: Chairman William Kennard
Larry Strickling