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Re: CC Docket No. 97-211: WorldCom/MCI Merger  
CC Docket No. ~~94-1~~ 97-1: 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 Commissioner Susan Ness and James Casserly, Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Ness 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 PICC/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: Commissioner Susan Ness  
James Casserly