



FCC MAIL SECTION

# PUBLIC NOTICE

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
1919 M STREET, N.W.  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20554

DA 98-385

News media information 202/418-0500 Fax-On-Demand 202/418-2830 Internet: <http://www.fcc.gov> <ftp.fcc.gov>

Released: February 26, 1998

**MCI Telecommunications Corporation Petition the Commission for  
Prescription of Tariffs Implementing Access Charge Reform  
CC Docket No. 97-250**

**Pleading Cycle Established**

**COMMENTS: March 18, 1998**

**REPLY COMMENTS: March 30, 1998**

On February 24, 1998, MCI Telecommunications Corporation (MCI) filed a Petition for Prescription of Tariffs Implementing Access Charge Reform.

In its petition, MCI states that unless access rates are lowered to forward-looking economic cost and incumbent local exchange carriers (ILECs) are required to recover presubscribed interexchange carrier charges (PICCs) directly from end users, long distance carriers will continue to be competitively disadvantaged, long distance consumers will be harmed, and competition in local markets will be seriously jeopardized. MCI requests an immediate prescription of key levels, terms, and conditions in the pending tariff investigation.

MCI asserts the Commission should eliminate the distinctions between primary and non-primary lines, as the costs associated with implementing such distinctions clearly outweigh the benefits. MCI states that the Commission should also hold ILECs responsible for collection of PICCs until such time as they can provide all necessary information to interexchange carriers (IXCs) in advance of billing; prescribe a standardized, independently verifiable, definition of primary and non-primary lines; require the ILECs immediately to provide auditable line count information, by telephone number; move as quickly as possible to grant the Sprint petition or prescribe language that makes clear that IXCs can notify ILECs of de-PICCs; and standardize the date used by ILECs to decide which customers' PICCs are assigned to a particular IXC.

MCI states that, in addition, the Commission should require the ILECs to provide to each IXC the amount of universal service fund (USF) pass through each IXC is receiving in its access bills every month.

Interested parties may file comments on MCI's petition no later than **March 18, 1998**. Replies must be filed by **March 30, 1998**. When filing comments and/or replies, please reference the internal file number: **CCB/CPD 98-12**.

An original and four copies of all comments and replies must be filed in accordance with Section 1.51(c) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.15(c). In addition, one copy of each pleading must be filed with International Transcription Services (ITS), the Commission's duplicating contractor, at its office at 1231 - 20th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036 and one copy with the Chief, Competitive Pricing Division, Room 518, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554.

For further information contact, Wanda M. Harris, Competitive Pricing Division, Common Carrier Bureau, (202) 418-1530.

- FCC -