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

Re: Access Charges - Sprint De-PIC (CCB/CPD 98-2); Primary Lines NPRM (CC Docket No. 97-181); MCI Emergency Petition for Relief (CCB/CPD 98-12)
Local Number Portability FNPRM (CC Docket No. 95-116)
In the Matter of Carrier Identification Codes (CC Docket No. 92-237)
Billing and Collection (ENF 95-05)
271 Collaborative Process (CC Docket No. 97-231; CC Docket No. 97-121; Docket No. 97-208; CC Docket No. 97-137)
MCI v. Bell Atlantic (File No. E-98-12)

Dear Ms. Salas:

Please be advised that on March 13, 1998, Jonathan Sallet, Chief Policy Counsel, MCI Communications Corporation and I met with Richard A. Metzger, James Schlicting, Geraldine Matisse, Jane Jackson, Lisa Gelb, Glenn Reynolds and Valerie Yates to discuss MCI's position on issues in the above-referenced dockets. In particular, MCI advised the Commission staff that it would like expeditious action on the pending dockets pertaining to the Commission's use of a market-based approach to access charge reduction, the definition of primary and secondary lines for purposes of the PICC and MCI's request for emergency relief with respect to the implementation of PICC/USF collection. Mr. Sallet reiterated MCI's previously stated positions that local number portability (LNP) costs could be recovered at the federal level, each carrier should bear its own LNP costs and LNP costs should not be recovered through access charges.

Further, Mr. Sallet discussed MCI's position with respect to carrier identification codes (CICs) including a request that the permissive dialing period during which 3- and 4-digit CICs can be used be extended from June 30, 1998, to at least February 1999, when the Regional Bell Operating Companies are requred to provide intraLATA toll dialing parity. He also requested that the Commission act on MCI's petition for rulemaking requesting that, in order to curb abuses of market power in the billing and collection (B&C) arena, the Commission adopt a transitional rule requiring all local exchange carriers to provide B&C services for non-subscribed interexchange carrier services, until such time as those services become competitive.

Mr. Sallet also discussed the status of the collaborative process for Section 271 and the Commission's current process for discussion with involved parties with Mr. Metzger, Richard Welch, Deputy Chief, CCB and Carol Mattey, Chief, Policy and Program Planning Division.

Glenn Reynolds and I discussed the most appropriate procedural approach for questions about interpretations of Bell Atlantic's obligations under the merger conditions with regard to pricing proposals.

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, with copies to the Commission staff present at the meeting.

Sincerely,

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cc: Richard A. Metzger, Chief, CCB
James Schlicting, Deputy Chief, CCB
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