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

Re: CCB/CPD 98-12: MCI Petition for Prescription of Tariffs Implementing Access Charge Reform  
CC Docket No. 97-250: Tariffs Implementing Access Charge Reform  
CC Docket 96-1: LEC Price Caps  
CC Docket 96-45: Universal Service  
CC Docket 96-262: Access Charge Reform

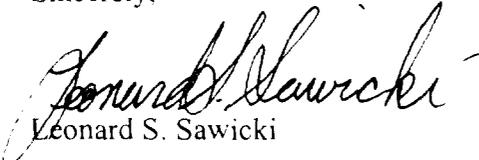
Dear Ms. Salas:

Today, Michael Pelcovits and I met with Commissioner Harold Furchtgott-Roth and Kevin Martin of the Commissioner's staff. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss MCI's Petition and the basis for the relief sought in the Petition. MCI noted that short term access reductions were unlikely without FCC action and the FCC needs to re-assess the market approach it adopted in its Access Reform proceeding. MCI provided its expectations for the 1998 annual access filings, including the potential effects of increases in universal service funding. MCI also pointed out that the Commission will also have to deal with the implications of the new high cost fund by January, 1999. Unless the FCC reduces access charges by the amount of the new high cost fund, IXCs will be confronted with new cost increases that will have to be passed to customers.

MCI also recounted the difficulty it has faced getting useful PICC information from the LECs and asked that the Commission act expeditiously on its Petition.

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

Sincerely,

  
Leonard S. Sawicki

cc: Commissioner Furchtgott-Roth  
Mr. Martin