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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Re: CC Docket No. 97-211  
Joint Applications of WorldCom, Inc. and MCI Communications Corporation

Dear Secretary Salas:

On Wednesday, August 19, Bernard J. Ebbers, Chairman, President and CEO of WorldCom, Inc. and Bert C. Roberts, Jr., Chairman of MCI Communications Corporation, spoke by phone with Chairman William E. Kennard. Messrs. Ebbers and Roberts emphasized the need for prompt Commission action on the pending merger application.

In addition, Messrs. Ebbers and Roberts reiterated the companies' unequivocal commitment to providing local and long distance service to residential customers, and reemphasized the points made in the Ebbers/Roberts letter to the Commission Secretary, dated August 14, 1998.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, an original and one copy of this letter are submitted for filing in the above-referenced docket.

Should there be any questions concerning this matter, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

  
Larry A. Blosser

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