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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Re: Ex Parte Filing in CC Docket No. 97-211

Dear Ms. Salas:

WorldCom, Inc. ("WorldCom") hereby submits to the Commission in the above-referenced proceeding, pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(a), an update on the implementation and sale of capacity in the Gemini cable system, and WorldCom's capacity in the Atlantic Crossing-1 ("AC-1") cable system.

The original design capacity of the Gemini cable system was 20 gigabits (128 whole STM-1s).^{1/} As of the date of this letter, this capacity is expected to be ready for service by February 1999. However, Gemini's design capacity has been increased by an additional 10 gigabits. This additional capacity is expected to be ready for service by the end of 1999. Initial negotiations regarding the sale of this additional capacity have recently begun.

Currently, there are 17 entities (including WorldCom and Cable & Wireless ("C&W")) which own indefeasible rights of use ("IRUs") in the Gemini cable system. As of February 1999, when the original 20 gigabits design capacity of Gemini is expected to be ready for service, WorldCom will own 36 STM-1s (28 percent of the total capacity).

^{1/} See Letter to Magalie Roman Salas from Robert S. Koppel, CC Docket No. 97-211 (filed May 26, 1998).

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Entities other than WorldCom currently own, or possess preemptive rights to, a total of 46 whole STM-1s (36 percent of the total capacity). The largest amount of capacity which has been purchased by an entity other than WorldCom is 16 whole STM-1s. Two entities (one of which is C&W) own this amount. Forty-six whole STM-1s remain uncommitted (36 percent of the total capacity), and are actively being marketed for sale. This capacity is available on a first-come, first-served basis.^{2/}

WorldCom has purchased IRUs in 16 whole STM-1s in the AC-1 cable system. This capacity will be fully available to WorldCom by January 1999, when the total capacity of AC-1 will be 256 whole STM-1s.

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

Very truly yours,



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^{2/} See Letter to Magalie Roman Salas from Robert S. Koppel, CC Docket No. 97-211 (filed July 2, 1998).