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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
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Dear Ms. Salas:

On November 18, 1999, Chuck Goldfarb, Hank Hulquist, and I of MCI WorldCom and Mark Schneider of Jenner & Block met with Jake Jennings and Chris Libertelli of the Policy and Program Planning Division in the Common Carrier Bureau to discuss the Commission's rule that CLECs cannot gain access to unbundled switching for customers with four or more lines located in Zone 1 of the top 50 MSAs, where EEL is provided by the ILECs. We emphasized that if the Commission is considering amending that rule, it should do so by considering the record developed by parties filing petitions for reconsideration of *In the Matter of Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996*, Third Report and Order and Fourth Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, CC Docket 96-98 (rel. Nov. 5, 1999). We stated that the unbundled switching rule identified above suffers from a number of deficiencies that should be considered by the Commission on the basis of a complete record. We also generally discussed alternative methods the Commission could consider using to identify areas where competition has developed to the point where unbundled switching need not be provided by the ILECs.

In accordance with section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2), an original and one copy of this memorandum are being filed with your office.

Sincerely,



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cc: Jake Jennings
Chris Libertelli

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