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Mr. Michael Wade
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Re: Postponing Modifications to Disconnect and Suspend Status Functions To Preclude Transfers Of Toll-Free Numbers Between Subscribers Until August 6, 2001.

Dear Mr. Wade:

In a letter released December 7, 2000,¹ the Bureau directed DSMI to make specified changes to the Disconnect Status and Suspend Status functions of the SMS/800 database, by February 3, 2001.² As explained in the letter, the required changes are intended to help preclude direct transfers of toll-free numbers between subscribers, in contravention of the Commission's toll-free regulations,³ the toll-free number first come, first served policy, and the SMS Tariff.

A number of parties have requested that the required changes be postponed.⁴ These parties indicate that RespOrgs need additional time to make corresponding changes

¹ Letter from L. Charles Keller, Chief, Network Services Division, to Mr. Michael Wade, President, Database Service Management, Inc., DA 00-2754 (rel. Dec. 6, 2000).

² DSMI was directed to ensure that (1) a number in Disconnect Status cannot be changed by the managing RespOrg to any status but Spare Status, (2) a number in Suspend Status cannot be changed by the managing RespOrg to any status but Working Status for the same subscriber, (3) an over-ride capability is provided enabling the SMS/800 Help Desk to correct errors or assist a RespOrg in managing a number, if properly requested by the RespOrg under the circumstances specified below, and (4) all RespOrgs are sent a copy of this letter and are later notified when the measures required in this letter are in place.

³ 47 C.F.R. section 52.101 *et seq.*

⁴ See, e.g., Letter from Norina Moy, Director, Federal Regulatory, Sprint, to L. Charles Keller, Chief, Network Services Division, dated December 19, 2000. Letter from Mary De Luca, Senior Policy Analyst, WorldCom, Inc., to L. Charles Keller, Chief, Network Services Division, dated January 11, 2001. Letter from James W. Spurlock, Government Affairs Director, AT&T Corporation, to Magalie Roman Salas,

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in their internal systems, to ensure reliable compatibility with the changes made by DSMI in the SMS/800, and to educate RespOrg staff and customers. In light of these requests, with this letter DSMI is directed to postpone the required changes until August 6, 2001, and to send a copy of this letter to all RespOrgs immediately.

The Bureau expects each RespOrg to use this additional time to ensure that its internal system functions reliably and consistently with the SMS/800 and to educate its staff and customers accordingly. In addition, the Bureau expects RespOrgs to ensure that every toll free number operates according to its status in the SMS/800, regardless of any other status or designation that the RespOrg's internal system may have for the number.

Sincerely,



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Secretary, dated January 26, 2001. Letter from Henry G. Hultquist, Associate Counsel, WorldCom, Inc., to Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary, dated January 30, 2001.