

March 15, 2001

BY ELECTRONIC DELIVERY

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Notice of Ex Parte Communication*
ET Docket No. 00-258

Dear Ms. Salas:

On behalf of WorldCom, Inc., on March 15, 2001 Phil Malet of Steptoe & Johnson and I met with Bryan Tramont and James Miller of Commissioner Furchtgott-Roth's office.

In the meeting, WorldCom made the following points:

- WorldCom is actively deploying fixed wireless broadband services in various markets around the country using MMDS/ITFS spectrum.
- Any reduction of MMDS/ITFS spectrum will have a dramatic negative effect on WorldCom's ability and willingness to deploy such fixed wireless broadband services.
- The comments and reply comments filed in the spectrum allocation proceeding confirm that there is little support for re-allocating MMDS/ITFS spectrum for 3G mobile services.
- The FCC should act expeditiously so as to remove the cloud of regulatory uncertainty that hangs over the development of fixed wireless broadband equipment and the deployment of such services.
- The 2150 – 2162 MHz band is critical to fixed wireless broadband deployment.

Respectfully submitted,

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