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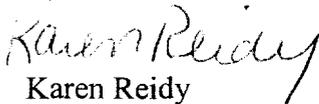
Re: CC Docket No. 99-273 /

Dear Ms. Salas:

On May 1, 2001 the attached letter was sent to Greg Cooke, Assistant Division Chief, Network Services Division, Common Carrier Bureau, Federal Communications Commission. Please include this letter in the record of the above-referenced proceeding.

In accordance with Commission rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, two copies of this letter are being filed with your office.

Sincerely,


Karen Reidy

Attachment

cc: G. Cooke
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Re: Dialing Parity for Directory Assistance Providers

Dear Mr. Cooke:

WorldCom, Inc. (WorldCom) understands that Telegate Inc. and other parties have encouraged the Federal Communications Commission ("Commission") staff to issue of a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking ("NPRM") with respect to dialing parity for Directory Assistance ("DA") providers. By this letter, WorldCom provides its support for the release of such an NPRM. It is WorldCom's position that DA services are overwhelmingly provided by incumbent local exchange carriers, and that barriers to entry for potential competitors remain high. The proposed NPRM would raise important questions and generate insightful comments that would greatly assist the Commission in evaluating regulatory changes that might better support competitive DA offerings. WorldCom would welcome the opportunity to participate in such a proceeding.

If you have any questions or WorldCom can provide anything further at this time, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (202)736-6489.

Sincerely,


Karen Reidy

cc: Diane Harmon, Chief, Network Services Division