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**Before the Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)
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 MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS)
 CORPORATION,)
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 Complainant,)
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 v.)
)
 U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.,)
)
 Defendant.)

EB Docket No. 01-173

File No. E-97-40s

To: The Honorable Richard L. Sippel, Acting Chief Administrative Law Judge

JOINT MOTION FOR STAY OF SUPPLEMENTAL COMPLAINT PROCEEDING
PENDING MEDIATION

In accordance with the Order of the Acting Chief Administrative Law Judge (the "Presiding Judge"), FCC 01M-28 (rel. Aug. 3, 2001), n.1, and section 1.205 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.205, complainant MCI Telecommunications Corporation, n/k/a WorldCom, Inc. ("WorldCom") and defendant U S WEST Communications, Inc., n/k/a Qwest Corporation ("Qwest") hereby jointly request that the Presiding Judge stay the above-captioned proceeding.

WorldCom and Qwest have agreed to submit to mediation their pending dispute under WorldCom's Supplemental Complaint for damages, filed April 17, 2001. The mediation is scheduled for October 23 and 24, 2001. WorldCom and Qwest submit that granting this motion for stay will facilitate the parties' resolution of this matter expeditiously and without expenditure of any substantial resources of the Commission. Grant of a stay will clearly serve the public interest.

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WHEREFORE, for the reasons stated above, the Presiding Judge should stay the above-captioned proceeding until 10 business days after the scheduled mediation, or November 7, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

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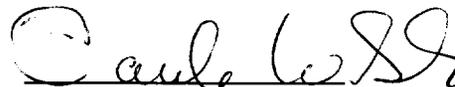
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