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Via Electronic Filing

William F. Caton
Acting Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: CC Docket No 01-324
Oral Ex Parte Presentation

Dear Mr. Caton:

On February 8, 2002, Robert Lopardo of WorldCom, Inc. (WorldCom) and A. Richard Metzger, Jr. of Lawler, Metzger and Milkman, counsel to WorldCom, met with Jordan Goldstein, senior legal advisor to Commissioner Copps, to discuss the above-referenced proceeding.

WorldCom urged the Commission to reject Verizon's application for authorization to provide in-region, interLATA services in the state of Rhode Island, because Verizon has failed to demonstrate its compliance with the requirements of section 271 of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 271.

Consistent with the Commission's rules, this letter is being provided to you for inclusion in the public record of the above-referenced proceeding.

Sincerely,

/s/ Gil M. Strobel
Gil M. Strobel

cc: Jordan Goldstein