

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

In the Matter of)	
)	
Review of the Section 251 Unbundling)	
Obligations of Incumbent Local Exchange)	CC Docket No. 01-338
Carriers)	
)	
Implementation of the Local Competition)	
Provisions of the Telecommunications Act)	CC Docket No. 96-98
of 1996)	
)	
Deployment of Wireline Services Offering)	CC Docket No. 98-147
Advanced Telecommunications)	
Capability)	

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to Section 1.46 of the Commission’s rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.46, WorldCom, Inc. (“WorldCom”) hereby moves for an extension until June 5, 2002 for filing reply comments in the above-captioned proceeding. As explained below, granting the extension would allow WorldCom and other parties to present in their reply comments more thorough analyses of the issues raised by commenters in this proceeding and thereby provide a more complete public record to aid the Federal Communications Commission (“Commission”) in its decision-making process.

On April 5, 2002, seventy-four comments, many of which included detailed declarations by economists and factual reports, were filed in this proceeding. The current reply cycle requires parties to respond to these voluminous filings by May 21. The current deadline for filing does not allow sufficient time for WorldCom and other parties

to analyze and respond to the numerous comments, declarations, and other supporting materials filed in this proceeding. Accordingly, WorldCom requests a brief extension of time, to and including June 5, 2002, to file reply comments.

This brief extension will enable WorldCom and other parties to provide the Commission a more thorough and complete record regarding the issues raised by commenters, which will in turn assist the Commission in making an informed, reasoned analysis of the complex issues raised in the instant proceeding.

Conclusion

WorldCom requests that the Commission grant a limited extension of time to and including June 5, 2002, for filing reply comments in the above-captioned proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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