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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
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**Re: Review of Section 251 Unbundling Obligations – CC Docket No. 01-338
Implementation of Local Competition Provisions – CC Docket No. 96-98
Deployment of Advanced Wireline Services – CC Docket No. 98-147**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

In accordance with the Order and Protective Order released by the Wireline Competition Bureau on March 27, 2002, 17 FCC Rcd 5852 (DA 02-723), counsel for WorldCom, Inc. (“Requesting Party”) has made a request that an additional outside counsel representative be permitted to inspect the confidential version of the material filed on December 9, 2002, on behalf of Birch Telecom, Inc. (“Submitting Party”), in the above-referenced proceedings.

An Acknowledgment of Confidentiality declaration, as contained in Appendix B of the Order, has been executed by Requesting Party’s representative and is enclosed. A copy is being concurrently served upon the Submitting Party through its outside counsel, Genevieve Morelli of Kelley Drye & Warren, LLP, by hand delivery. As is customary with electronic filings, a PDF facsimile of this Acknowledgment of Confidentiality is being submitted.

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

/s/ A. Renée Callahan

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cc: Genevieve Morelli, Kelley Drye & Warren, LLP
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**Re: Review of Section 251 Unbundling Obligations – CC Docket No. 01-338
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Dear Ms. Morelli:

In accordance with the Order and Protective Order released by the Wireline Competition Bureau on March 27, 2002, 17 FCC Rcd 5852 (DA 02-723), counsel for WorldCom, Inc. ("Requesting Party") previously requested inspection of the confidential version of the material filed on December 9, 2002, on behalf of Birch Telecom, in the above-referenced proceedings. You were kind enough to provide us with a copy.

Requesting Party hereby provides an additional Acknowledgment of Confidentiality declaration, as contained in Appendix B of the Order, that has been executed by Requesting Party's representative and is being concurrently filed in the above-referenced docket. Copies of the Acknowledgment and cover letter are enclosed.

Kindly confirm that you do not object to access to Birch's confidential filing by this additional outside counsel representative of Requesting Party, at your earliest opportunity but no later than five business days after receipt of this request. I can be reached at (202) 777-7700.

Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



A. Renée Callahan

Enclosures

APPENDIX B

Acknowledgment of Confidentiality

CC Docket Nos. 01-338, 96-98, 98-147

I hereby acknowledge that I have received and read a copy of the foregoing Protective Order in the above-captioned proceeding, and I understand it. I agree that I am bound by the Protective Order and that I shall not disclose or use Stamped Confidential Documents or Confidential Information except as allowed by the Protective Order. I acknowledge that a violation of the Protective Order is a violation of an order of the Federal Communications Commission.

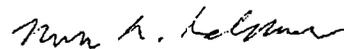
Without limiting the foregoing, to the extent that I have any employment, affiliation or role with any person or entity other than a conventional private law firm (such as, but not limited to, a lobbying or public interest organization), I acknowledge specifically that my access to any information obtained as a result of the order is due solely to my capacity as Counsel or consultant to a party or other person described in paragraph 5 of the foregoing Protective Order and that I will not use such information in any other capacity nor will I disclose such information except as specifically provided in the Protective Order.

I hereby certify that I am not involved in "competitive decision-making" as that term is used in the definition of In-House Counsel in paragraph 2 of the Protective Order.

I acknowledge that it is my obligation to ensure that: (1) Stamped Confidential Documents and Confidential Information are used only as provided in the Protective Order; and (2) Stamped Confidential Documents are not duplicated except as specifically permitted by the terms of paragraph 10 of the Protective Order, and I certify that I have verified that there are in place procedures, at my firm or office, to prevent unauthorized disclosure of Stamped Confidential Documents or Confidential Information.

Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Protective Order.

Executed at Washington, DC this 31 day of October, 2002.



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