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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *Ex Parte Presentation*, Review of the Section 251
Unbundling Obligations of Incumbent Local Exchange
Carriers, CC Docket Nos. 01-338, 96-98, 98-147

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Yesterday, the undersigned counsel for WorldCom, Inc. (WorldCom) described and forwarded to Matthew Brill, Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Abernathy, a copy of an *ex parte* letter filed on January 17, 2003, by Kimberly Scardino on behalf of WorldCom in the above-referenced docket. That letter reported on an earlier meeting with Christopher Libertelli, Legal Advisor to Chairman Powell, during which representatives for WorldCom explained that even in central offices with more than 25,000 residential lines, competitive carriers will continue to be impaired without access to UNE-P until current operational and economic barriers are addressed. In the same letter, WorldCom representatives further confirmed that, as configured today by the Bell Operating Companies, DS0 EELs are not an option for competitors and are not a substitute for UNE-P anywhere.

Pursuant to the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b), this letter is being provided to you for inclusion in the public record of the above-referenced proceeding.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ruth Milkman

Ruth Milkman

cc: Matthew Brill