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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:

Today, Donna Sorgi of WorldCom, Inc. ("WorldCom") and the undersigned, counsel for WorldCom, spoke separately by telephone with Daniel Gonzalez, Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Martin, and Ms. Sorgi also left a voicemail message for Mr. Gonzalez. Ms. Sorgi stated that competitive local exchange carriers ("LECs") today are impaired without access to unbundled switching even in large central offices (such as those with more than 25,000 residential lines) and stressed the need for competitive LECs to have access to incumbent LEC facilities in order to offer broadband services to residential customers. I noted in my conversation that WorldCom and others had submitted information in the record to document the operational impairments (such as "hot cuts") that competitive LECs confront in local markets. WorldCom's position on these issues has been presented previously in written submissions in this proceeding.

Pursuant to section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2), this letter is being provided to you for inclusion in the public record of the above-referenced proceeding.

Sincerely,

/s/ A. Richard Metzger, Jr.

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cc: Daniel Gonzalez