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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:

On February 12, 2003, Donna Sorgi and Henry Hultquist of WorldCom and A. Richard Metzger, Jr., counsel for WorldCom, met with Commissioner Martin and Daniel Gonzalez. During the meeting, WorldCom expressed views consistent with WorldCom's written submissions in the above-captioned docket, including the need for the Commission to repeal the current commingling rules and use restrictions applicable to loop-transport combinations. WorldCom also expressed support for the proposal advanced by the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) in a February 6, 2003 *ex parte* filing as a reasonable compromise.<sup>1</sup> Although the NARUC proposal differs from WorldCom's position in this proceeding, on balance it offers a sound and lawful approach to the "impairment" issue.

In addition, WorldCom also stressed the importance of maintaining competitive local exchange carriers' (LECs') access to incumbent LEC broadband facilities in order to foster competition for the provision of advanced services to residential customers.

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

Sincerely,



Gil M. Strobel

cc: Commissioner Martin  
Daniel Gonzalez

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<sup>1</sup> NARUC, *UNE Triennial Review: Principles and Standards for State Commissions*, filed with *ex parte* letter of James B. Ramsey, NARUC General Counsel (Feb. 6, 2003).