

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554**

In the Matter of)	
)	
Petitions for Protection from Whipsawing on the U.S.-Philippines Route)	IB Docket No. 03-38
)	

MOTION TO EXTEND TIME

Pursuant to Section 1.46 of the rules of the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC” or “Commission”),¹ Verizon hereby requests an extension of time until Monday, February 24, 2003, to file an Opposition to the Petitions for Protection from Whipsawing on the U.S.-Philippines Route filed by AT&T Corp. (“AT&T”) and WorldCom Inc. (“WorldCom”) on February 7, 2003.

On February 10, 2003, the Commission issued a Public Notice, which set a deadline of February 20, 2002 for the filing of comments or oppositions by interested parties.² Over the intervening three-day weekend, the biggest snowstorm to hit Washington in decades blanketed the metropolitan area with almost two feet of snow. The blizzard led the Federal Government and most area businesses, including Verizon’s Washington office and the offices of Verizon’s counsel, to close on Tuesday, February 18, 2003. As a result of these weather-related closures, certain of Verizon’s employees involved in this matter were unable to review the Opposition and provide information necessary to prepare it until Wednesday, February 19, 2003.

Under these circumstances, granting Verizon a brief extension of time to prepare and file

¹ 47 C.F.R. §1.46.

² *Petitions for Protection from Whipsawing on the U.S.-Philippines Route*, Public Notice, IB Docket No. 03-38, DA 03-390 (Feb. 10, 2003).

its Opposition plainly serves the public interest. The requested short extension will enable Verizon to make a more complete filing that includes input from key employees. Further, the extension will not significantly prejudice the interests of AT&T or WorldCom.

For the foregoing reasons, Verizon respectfully requests that the Commission, consistent with the public interest, extend the deadline for filing comments on or oppositions to the AT&T and WorldCom petitions until February 24, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

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I, Heather Dixon, hereby certify that, on this 19th day of February, 2003, I caused copies of the foregoing "Motion to Extend Time" to be electronically mailed and mailed via first-class postage prepaid mail to the following:

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