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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, and 98-147*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On September 30, 2003, Hank Hultquist, MCI, and A. Richard Metzger, Jr., and Ruth Milkman, Lawler, Metzger & Milkman, LLC, counsel for MCI, met separately with Matt Brill, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Abernathy, and with Jessica Rosenworcel, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Copps, to discuss the above-referenced proceeding. In addition, Mr. Metzger and the undersigned met with Daniel Gonzalez, Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Martin to discuss the proceeding.

As described in MCI's previous written submissions in this proceeding, MCI's position is that the Commission should reject requests to narrow the obligations of incumbent local exchange carriers (LECs) to provide unbundled access to fiber loops. Specifically, the Commission should not make any changes to its rules that would undermine the availability of DS1, DS3 and dark fiber used to serve enterprise customers, multiunit premises, and mixed-use buildings. In addition, the Commission should not disturb the recently adopted obligations of the incumbent LECs with respect to "brownfield" fiber-to-the-home deployments and copper retirement.

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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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ruth Milkman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ruth Milkman

cc: Matthew Brill
Daniel Gonzalez
Jessica Rosenworcel