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Michelle Carey  
Chief, Competition Policy Division  
Wireline Competition Bureau  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *MCI WorldCom, Inc. Petition for Expedited Declaratory Ruling Regarding the Process for Adoption of Agreements Pursuant to Section 252(i) of the Communications Act and Section 51.809 of the Commission's Rules, CC Docket No. 00-45*

*Review of the Section 251 Unbundling Obligations of Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers, et al., CC Docket Nos. 01-338, 96-98, and 98-147*

Dear Ms. Carey:

On March 7, 2000, MCI WorldCom, Inc. ("MCI") filed with the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") the above-captioned Petition for Declaratory Ruling ("Petition") regarding the procedures governing adoption of interconnection agreements pursuant to Section 252(i) and the FCC's pick-and-choose rule. The FCC has not yet ruled on that Petition.

Recently, the FCC issued a Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket Nos. 01-338, 96-98, and 98-147 ("Notice"), in which the Commission sought comment on whether it should reinterpret or otherwise act to alter its rules under Section 252(i). In response to that Notice, on October 16, 2003, MCI filed comments in which it raised many of the same issues that were raised in its Petition. As a result, MCI respectfully seeks withdrawal of the above-captioned Petition.

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Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

/s/ Lisa R. Youngers  
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cc: Darlene Biddy-Anderson, FCC  
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