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Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Room TWB-204
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Petitions for Protection From Whipsawing on the U.S.-Philippines
Route – IB Docket No. 03-38**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to paragraph 18 of the International Bureau Order released on March 10, 2003 in the above-referenced proceeding (See *Order*, IB Docket No. 03-38, rel. March 10, 2003, DA 03-581), WorldCom, Inc. d/b/a MCI (“MCI”) hereby notifies the International Bureau that its bilateral circuits with Globe Telecom, Inc. (“Globe”) are in service, and that Globe has ceased blocking MCI’s traffic destined for its network in the Philippines. MCI and Globe have been negotiating an interim settlement rate arrangement setting forth interim rates for exchange of services, which MCI had hoped would be completed some time ago. Nevertheless, MCI continues to negotiate the interim arrangement with Globe and is confident that agreement will be reached very soon. Accordingly, MCI respectfully requests that the Bureau lift the suspend-payment requirement contained in the above-referenced Order with regard to Globe as expeditiously as possible so that MCI may resume making payments to Globe.

One electronic copy of this Notice is being filed with the Secretary of the Federal Communications Commission. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott A. Shefferman", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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