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*Via Electronic Filing*

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Oral Ex Parte Notice*  
*Access Charge Reform, CC Docket No. 96-262; Developing a Unified*  
*Intercarrier Compensation Regime, US LEC Petition for Declaratory Ruling, CC*  
*Docket No. 01-92; Petition for Declaratory Ruling that AT&T's Phone-to-Phone*  
*IP Telephony Services are Exempt from Access Charges, WC Docket No. 02-361;*  
*Vonage Holdings Corp. Petition for Declaratory Ruling, WC Docket No. 03-211*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Today, Donna Sorgi and Hank Hultquist of MCI and the undersigned of Lawler, Metzger, and Milkman, LLC, counsel to MCI, met with Jessica Rosenworcel, Competition and Universal Service Legal Advisor to Commissioner Copps, to discuss certain matters pending before the Commission in the above-referenced proceedings.

Consistent with MCI's prior submissions in CC Docket No. 01-92, MCI urged the Commission promptly to deny US LEC's Petition for Declaratory Ruling. MCI also stressed that the FCC could not lawfully resolve this dispute in a manner that favored some carriers to the detriment of others.

With respect to the pending petitions for declaratory ruling filed by AT&T and Vonage, consistent with its prior written submissions in those proceedings, MCI recommended that the Commission grant both petitions. MCI also stressed that much of the concern generated by the emergence of broadband technology that can offer voice services reflects the fundamental flaws in the existing system of intercarrier compensation.

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Pursuant to section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2), this letter is being provided to you for inclusion in the public record of the above-referenced proceedings.

Sincerely,

/s/ A. Richard Metzger, Jr.

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cc: Jessica Rosenworcel