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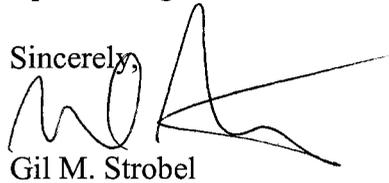
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *Ex Parte Presentation*
In the Matter of Review of Regulatory Requirements for
Incumbent LEC Broadband Telecommunications Services,
CC Docket No. 01-337

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On July 21, 2004, Richard Whitt and Alan Buzacott of MCI, and A. Richard Metzger, Jr., of Lawler, Metzger & Milkman, counsel to MCI, met with Michael Carowitz, Ben Childers (by phone), William Cox, Kimberly Jackson and William Kehoe of the FCC's Wireline Competition Bureau to discuss the above-captioned proceeding. In the course of the discussion, MCI stressed that incumbent LECs continue to possess market power in the provision of special access services, an essential input to the retail Frame Relay and ATM services offered by MCI and other competitive LECs. MCI further emphasized that the Commission could not and should not consider declaring incumbent LECs non-dominant in the provision of retail Frame Relay and ATM services unless it put adequate safeguards in place to protect against the incumbent LECs' abuse of that market power. MCI's presentation was consistent with its prior written submissions in this proceeding.

In accordance with the Commission's rules, this letter is being provided to you for inclusion in the public record of the above-referenced proceeding.

Sincerely,

Gil M. Strobel

cc: Michael Carowitz
Ben Childers
William Cox
Kimberly Jackson
William Kehoe