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BY ELECTRONIC FILING

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

Re: *Verizon Communications Inc. and MCI, Inc. Applications for
Approval of Transfer of Control – WC Docket No. 05-75*
Request for Access to Confidential Order

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to the Protective Order and Second Protective Order adopted in the above-referenced proceeding,¹ MCI, Inc. (“MCI”) submits the attached copies of the Acknowledgments of Confidentiality (Appendix B to each of the Protective Orders) signed by Anthony C. Epstein, a lawyer at Steptoe & Johnson, LLP, outside counsel to MCI.²

Mr. Epstein seeks access to the confidential version of the Commission’s Memorandum Opinion and Order³ in this proceeding.⁴

¹ *Verizon Communications Inc. and MCI, Inc. Applications for Approval of Transfer of Control*, WC Docket No. 05-75, Protective Order, 20 FCC Rcd 5232 (DA 05-647) (2005) and Second Protective Order, 20 FCC Rcd 10420 (DA 05-1538) (2005).

² Mr. Epstein’s business address is 1330 Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20036, and his telephone number is (202) 429-3000.

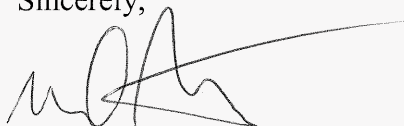
³ *Verizon Communications Inc. and MCI, Inc. Applications for Approval of Transfer of Control*, WC Docket No. 05-75, Memorandum Opinion and Order, FCC 05-184 (rel. Nov. 17, 2005) (“Memorandum Opinion and Order”).

⁴ Other individuals who seek access to the confidential version of the Memorandum Opinion and Order on behalf of MCI have previously executed and filed Acknowledgments of

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In accordance with the terms of the Protective Order, the Second Protective Order, the Memorandum Opinion and Order,⁵ and 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 'G. Strobel', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Gil M. Strobel

Attachments

cc: Jon Minkoff
Gary Remondino

Confidentiality in the above-referenced docket. Letter to Marlene H. Dortch, FCC, from Ruth Milkman, Lawler, Metzger, Milkman & Keeney, WC Docket No. 05-75 (Aug. 29, 2005); Letter to Marlene H. Dortch, FCC, from Ruth Milkman, Lawler, Metzger, Milkman & Keeney, WC Docket No. 05-75 (Aug. 25, 2005); Letter to Thomas Navin, FCC, from Victoria H. Jueds, Jenner & Block, WC Docket No. 05-75 (June 29, 2005).

⁵ Memorandum Opinion and Order, ¶ 26 n.87.

APPENDIX B

Acknowledgment of Confidentiality

WC Docket No. 05-75

I hereby acknowledge that I have received and read a copy of the foregoing Protective Order in the above-captioned proceeding, and I understand it. I agree that I am bound by the Protective Order and that I shall not disclose or use Stamped Confidential Documents or Confidential Information except as allowed by the Protective Order. I acknowledge that a violation of the Protective Order is a violation of an order of the Federal Communications Commission.

Without limiting the foregoing, to the extent that I have any employment, affiliation or role with any person or entity other than a conventional private law firm (such as, but not limited to, a lobbying or public interest organization), I acknowledge specifically that my access to any information obtained as a result of the Protective Order is due solely to my capacity as Counsel or consultant to a party or other person described in paragraph 4 of the foregoing Protective Order and that I will not use such information in any other capacity nor will I disclose such information except as specifically provided in the Protective Order.

I hereby certify that I am not involved in "competitive decision-making" as that term is used in the definition of In-House Counsel in paragraph 1 of the Protective Order.

I acknowledge that it is my obligation to ensure that: (1) Stamped Confidential Documents and Confidential Information are used only as provided in the Protective Order; and (2) Stamped Confidential Documents are not duplicated except as specifically permitted by the terms of paragraph 9 of the Protective Order, and I certify that I have verified that there are in place procedures, at my firm or office, to prevent unauthorized disclosure of Stamped Confidential Documents or Confidential Information.

Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Order or Protective Order.

Executed at Washington DC this 22nd day of November, 2005.

Anthony C Epstein

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I hereby acknowledge that I have received and read a copy of the foregoing Second Protective Order in the above-captioned proceeding, and I understand it. I agree that I am bound by the Second Protective Order and that I shall not disclose or use Stamped Highly Confidential Documents or Highly Confidential Information except as allowed by the Protective Order. I acknowledge that a violation of the Second Protective Order is a violation of an order of the Federal Communications Commission.

Without limiting the foregoing, to the extent that I have any employment, affiliation or role with any person or entity other than a conventional private law firm (such as, but not limited to, a lobbying or public interest organization), I acknowledge specifically that my access to any information obtained as a result of the Second Protective Order is due solely to my capacity as Outside Counsel of Record or consultant to a party or other person described in paragraph 4 of the foregoing Second Protective Order and that I will not use such information in any other capacity nor will I disclose such information except as specifically provided in the Second Protective Order.

I acknowledge that it is my obligation to ensure that: (1) Stamped Highly Confidential Documents and Highly Confidential Information are used only as provided in the Protective Order; and (2) Stamped Highly Confidential Documents are not duplicated except as specifically permitted by the terms of paragraph 9 of the Protective Order, and I certify that I have verified that there are in place procedures, at my firm or office, to prevent unauthorized disclosure of Stamped Highly Confidential Documents or Highly Confidential Information.

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