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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas Secretary Federal Communications Commission 1919 M Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20554

Re:

International Settlements Policy Modification for a Change in Accounting

Rate for International Switched Voice Service with Azerbaijan

Our Ref: (006/99)

Dear Ms. Salas:

Pursuant to the Commission's <u>Report and Order</u>, CC Docket No. 90-337, 6 FCC Rcd. 3552 (1991) (Regulation of International Accounting Rates, Phase 1), MCI WorldCom, Inc. ("MCIWorldCom") hereby informs the Commission of its intention to change the accounting rate for its International Switched Voice Service between MCI WorldCom and its correspondent, Ministry of Communications, ("MOC") of Azerbaijan.

The current and proposed accounting rates for this service as agreed to between the parties are displayed in the attached Supplementary Data Statement. The accounting rate will continue to be divided on a 50/50 basis. Other than the accounting rate change, no other modifications have been made to the operating agreement.

The proposed change in the accounting rate is in the U.S. public interest in that it will provide the earliest possible reductions in the accounting rate and the U.S. settlement outpayment, and is not in any way designed to enrich the foreign correspondent.

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Copies of this modification have been sent to the other carriers providing International Switched Voice Service between the United States and Azerbaijan.

Respectfully submitted,

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Regulatory Attorney

Attachments

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ATTACHMENT A

MCI WorldCom, Inc.

SUPPLEMENTARY DATA STATEMENT CONCERNING AGREEMENT FOR SETTLEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL MESSAGE TELEPHONE SERVICE BETWEEN

MCI WorldCom AND AZERBAIJAN

The accounting rate for service with MOC was changed as shown below:

Accounting Rates

Per Minute

	Current SDR 1.30	Effective December 1, 1998 SDR 1.00
Surcharge (per message)	-0-	-0-

Each administration agrees to divide equally the accounting rate for each conversation minute.

STATE OF NEW YORK) COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER) ss:

- I, Nakul Rege, being duly sworn, state, under the penalties of perjury, as follows:
- 1. I am the Director of Accounting Rates and Transits at MCI WorldCom, Inc. ("MCI WorldCom"). My business address is Two International Drive, Rye Brook, New York, 10573.
- 2. I am responsible for the accounting rate negotiations with Ministry of Communications of Azerbaijan, ("MOC"), MCI WorldCom's correspondent in Azerbaijan that resulted in the accounting rate change contained in the accompanying notification filed with the Commission herewith. I am making this affidavit based on my knowledge of the accounting rate negotiations with MOC and the representations of MCI WorldCom's country manager for Azerbaijan who participated in the accounting rate negotiations with MOC.
- 3. MCI WorldCom has not bargained for, and has no knowledge of, exclusive availability of the new accounting rate with MOC. MCI WorldCom has informed the foreign administration that U.S. policy requires that competing carriers have access to accounting rates negotiated by the filing carriers with the foreign carriers on a non-discriminatory basis.
- 4. MCI WorldCom has not bargained for more than its proportionate share of return traffic. As a result of these negotiations, MCI WorldCom has no indication that it will receive more than its proportionate share of return traffic.

Sworn to before me this

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