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MCI WORLDCOM, INC.

January 8, 1999

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 the Accounting Rate for International Switched Voice Service with Syria

Our Ref: (001/98)

Dear Ms. Salas:

Pursuant to the Commission's Report and Order, 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, Syrian Telecommunications Establishment ("STE").

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 Syria.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tally Frenkel".

Tally Frenkel  
Regulatory Attorney

Attachments

cc: George Li (FCC)  
Ken Stanley (FCC)  
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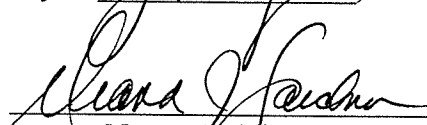
STATE OF NEW YORK        )  
  ) ss:  
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER)

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 Syria Telecom Establishment, ("STE"), MCI WorldCom's correspondent in Syria that resulted in the accounting rate change contained in the accompanying waiver filed with the Commission herewith. I am making this affidavit based on my knowledge of the accounting rate negotiations with STE and the representations of MCI WorldCom's country manager for Syria who participated in the accounting rate negotiations with STE.
3. MCI WorldCom has not bargained for, and has no knowledge of, exclusive availability of the new accounting rate with STE. 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.

  
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Nakul Rege

Sworn to before me this 17<sup>th</sup>  
day of January, 1999.

  
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Notary Public

DIANA J. GARDNER  
Notary Public, State of New York  
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