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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 the Establishment an Accounting Rate for International Switched Voice Service with Turkmenistan

Our Ref: (125/98)

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 establish direct service and an accounting rate for International Switched Voice Service between MCI WorldCom and its correspondent, Center for International Accounts and Agreements Ministry of Communications of Turkmenistan ("CIAAMCT") in Turkmenistan.

The proposed accounting rate for this service as agreed to between the parties is displayed in the attached Supplementary Data Statement. The accounting rate will be divided on a 50/50 basis.

The proposed 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 Turkmenistan.

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Respectfully submitted,

Tally Frenkel Regulatory Attorney

Attachments

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ATTACHMENT A

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MCI WorldCom, Inc. SUPPLEMENTARY DATA STATEMENT CONCERNING AGREEMENT FOR SETTLEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL MESSAGE TELEPHONE SERVICE BETWEEN MCIWorldCom AND TURKMENISTAN

The accounting rate for IMTS service with CIAAMCT was established as shown below:

Accounting Rate Per Minute

Effective April 1, 1998 SDR 1.25

Surcharge (per message) - 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:

- 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 Center for International Accounts and Agreements Ministry of Communications of Turkmenistan ("CIAAMCT") in Turkmenistan, MCI WorldCom's correspondent in Turkmenistan that resulted in the establishment of direct service and an accounting rate 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 CIAAMCT and the representations of MCI WorldCom's country manager for Turkmenistan who participated in the accounting rate negotiations with CIAAMCT.
- 3. MCI WorldCom has not bargained for, and has no knowledge of, exclusive availability of the new accounting rate with CIAAMCT. 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.

Nakul Rege

Sworn to before me this $\frac{M^{m}}{2}$ day of elecenter

Notary

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