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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Re: Applications to Modify Satellite Earth Station

MCI WorldCom, Inc.  
Call Sign E000700  
FCC File No. SES-MOD-20021125-02060

Newcom, Inc.  
Call Sign E040267  
FCC File Nos. SES-AFS-20050114-00050; SES-MFS-2004120601790

On behalf of the United States Trade Representative, I am requesting that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) delay granting final authorization of the satellite earth station applications MCI WorldCom, Inc., SES-MOD-20021125-02060, and Newcom, SES-AFS-20050114-00050; SES-MFS-2004120601790.

Currently the United States is negotiating the terms of the Russian Federation's accession to the World Trade Organization. As part of these negotiations, the Russian Federation submitted a proposed schedule of commitments for telecommunications services, which limits market access for cross-border satellite services, including Fixed Satellite Services. Such a limitation would allow the Russian Federation to discriminate against foreign satellite operators seeking to serve the Russian market, particularly U.S. satellite operators. The Russian Federation is considering the U.S. request to remove this limitation.

Thus, it would support U.S. trade policy objectives for the Commission to delay final authorization for these earth station applications until the Russian Federation adequately addresses our concern with its proposed schedule of commitments for the telecommunications sector.

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To avoid any disruption of service currently being offered under Special Temporary Authority for these license applications, USTR would not object to extensions of temporary authority.

Sincerely,



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