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BY ELECTRONIC DELIVERY

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Notice of Ex Parte Communication*
ET Docket No. 00-258

Dear Ms. Salas:

On March 13 and March 14, 2001, Kerry McKelvey, Jonathan Mapes and Robert S. Koppel of WorldCom, Inc. participated in a series of meetings regarding the above-captioned proceeding. Specifically, WorldCom met with:

- Peter Tenhula and Jennifer Ashworth of Chairman Powell's office
- Mark Schneider of Commissioner Ness's office
- Adam Krinsky of Commissioner Tristani's office
- Roy Stewart, Barbara Kreisman, Robert Ratcliffe, Chuck Dziedzic, Brad Lerner, Dave Roberts, Clay Pendarvis, Sharon Bertlesen and Nazifa Naim of the Mass Media Bureau
- Tom Sugrue, Jim Schlichting, Blaise Scinto and John Spencer of the Wireless Bureau
- Bruce Franca, Geraldine Matise, Rod Small and Ira Keltz of the Office of Engineering and Technology

In these meetings, WorldCom made the following points:

- WorldCom is actively deploying fixed wireless broadband services in various markets around the country using MMDS/ITFS spectrum.
- Any reduction of MMDS/ITFS spectrum will have a dramatic negative effect on WorldCom's ability and willingness to deploy such fixed wireless broadband services.
- The comments and reply comments filed in the spectrum allocation proceeding confirm that there is little support for re-allocating MMDS/ITFS spectrum for 3G mobile services.

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- The FCC should act expeditiously so as to remove the cloud of regulatory uncertainty that hangs over the development of fixed wireless broadband equipment and the deployment of such services.
- The 2150 – 2162 MHz band is critical to fixed wireless broadband deployment.

Respectfully submitted,

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