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Ms. Blanca S. Bayo
Director, Records & Reporting
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Docket No. 960617-TI

Dear Ms. Bayo:

This letter is to advise the Commission of a recent development in connection with the above-referenced docket. On September 12, 1996, MCI filed a Motion to File Substitute Offer of Settlement in this docket. Since that time, the Department of Corrections ("DOCs") has advised MCI that while it cannot support the Substitute Offer of Settlement, it can support a settlement which would refund the amount at issue to the affected class of customers by way of a going forward reduction in the surcharge for a specified length of time to customers who accept collect telephone calls from correctional facilities in Florida.

MCI and DOCs continue to work on the details of this proposal, but its general plan is set forth as follows. The current \$1.75 surcharge would be reduced for a specified period of time, calculated to reflect the pass-through to customers of the \$1,493,375.00 (see Exhibit B to Motion to File Substitute Offer of Settlement) refund amount at issue. MCI and DOCs are in the process of determining to what amount the surcharge will drop and what is the appropriate period of time for the reduction to be in place in order to pass through the equivalent of the refund amount.

The parties are examining how inmates and the customers who receive collect calls from correctional facilities would receive notification of this temporary reduction in the \$1.75 surcharge. MCI is in the process of confirming that consumers would be notified in the recorded preamble which is stated at the beginning of each collect call. After the potential recipient is advised that an inmate at the specified correctional facility is calling and asked to indicate whether they will accept the collect call, the preamble will also describe the temporary surcharge reduction. DOCs is also considering having each correctional facility post notice of the temporary reduction in its secured bulletin board. Each facility has a board where legal notices, important bulletins, etc. are posted for inmates, so this would be a logical and known place to post the notice.

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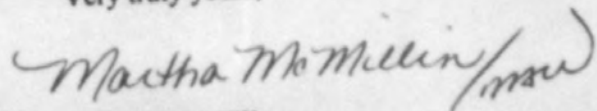
MCI and DOCs advised PSC staff on October 23 that this proposal is being discussed.

I am enclosing for filing in this docket the original and 15 copies of this letter. MCI requests that this letter be placed in the file for this docket in order to formally notify the Commission that we are continuing attempts to fashion a satisfactory settlement proposal. MCI further requests that the Commissioners be provided with a copy of this letter before the Agenda Conference scheduled for October 29, 1996 so that it will be available to them at the time this matter is heard at the agenda Conference.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (404) 843-6375.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Martha McMillin" followed by a stylized flourish or initials.

Martha McMillin
Senior Attorney

cc: Martha Brown, Esquire
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