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Cecil Wright, Executive Secretary
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Re: Case No. TW-97-333

Dear Mr. Wright:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced case please find an original and 15 copies of MCI Telecommunications Corporation's Reply to Notice of Vacation. Please file stamp the extra copy and return it to the undersigned in the enclosed self-addressed, postage prepaid envelope. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,

Carl J. Lumley

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BEFORE THE MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of an Investigation into)
the Provision of Community Optional)
Calling Service in Missouri.)

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MCI'S REPLY TO NOTICE OF VACATION

Comes now MCI Telecommunications Corporation (MCI) and for its Reply to the Mid-Missouri Group's Notice of Vacation of FCC Intrastate IntraLATA Toll Dialing Parity Requirements states to the Commission:

Section 251(b)(3) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 mandates that Movants provide dialing parity, including intraLATA dialing parity. Movants' duty to provide dialing parity under the Act is immediate. As authorized by section 251(f), this Commission has suspended Movants' duty to the earlier of April 1, 1998, or the resolution of the COS and PTC proceedings. The Commission has already rightly determined that Movants should meet their obligations under section 251(b)(3) as soon as possible for the benefit of Missouri consumers. Moreover, Movants will still have to meet the April 1, 1998, deadline under the FCC's rules for interstate intraLATA traffic.

The Mid-Missouri Group's Notice incorrectly suggests that the Commission can ignore the dialing parity requirements of the Act. The Commission should disregard the Notice and proceed to decide this case.

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