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Via Federal Express

Re: Case No. TW-97-333

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed herewith for filing in the above-referenced case please find an original and fifteen (15) copies of the MCI Telecommunications Corporation's Response to Motion to Stay Elimination. Please file stamp the extra copy and return in the enclosed self-addressed, postage prepaid envelope to the undersigned for our records.

Very truly yours,

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
STATE OF MISSOURI

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

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**MCI'S RESPONSE TO MOTION TO STAY ELIMINATION**

COMES NOW MCI Telecommunications Corporation, an MCI WorldCom company, and for its Response to the Small Telephone Company Group's Motion to Stay the Elimination of COS states to the Commission:

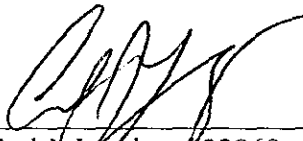
1. The Commission has acknowledged that COS is priced below cost and stands as a barrier to entry. Hence, it ordered the elimination of this mandatory service.
2. The STCG requests preservation of two-way COS for its exchanges where the target exchanges are served by Sprint and GTE, even after Sprint and GTE implement intraLATA presubscription.
3. The Commission should deny the request, because IXC's competing for presubscribed customers will be placed at a disadvantage to Sprint and GTE, whose presubscribed service would effectively include such free return calling to COS subscribers in the STCG exchanges.
4. The STCG seems to recognize the impermissible impediment to competition posed by two-way COS and, therefore, seeks the alternative relief of temporarily preserving a one-way form of COS. So long as COS remains a toll service subject to terminating access charges, such an interim measure should not pose a problem. However, if a CLEC applies for authority to compete in an STCG exchange, the preservation of this below-cost service would create a barrier to entry. Hence,

an expeditious resolution of the issues in Case No. TO-97-217 remains in order so that the one-way relief sought herein by the STCG is truly temporary.

WHEREFORE, MCI prays the Commission should deny the Motion to Stay Elimination of COS, at least to the extent the Motion calls for preservation of two-way COS.

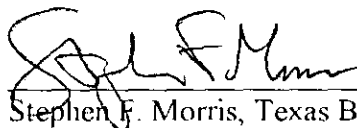
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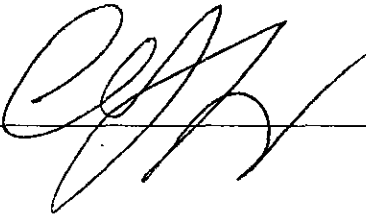
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