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December 15, 2000

Ms. Dorothy Wideman
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Re: Case No. U-12598/Case No. U-12571
WorldCom Objections to Proposed Settlement

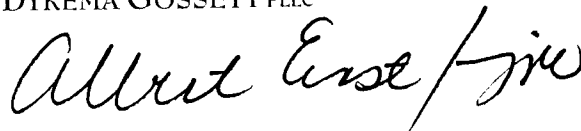
Dear Ms. Wideman:

Enclosed please find (1) original and four copies of WorldCom Objections to Proposed Settlement in U-12598 and (2) original and fifteen copies of WorldCom Objections to Proposed Settlement in U-12571. Also enclosed are two Proofs of Service (one for each docket) upon the Parties of Record.

If there are any questions or comments, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

DYKEMA GOSSETT PLLC



Albert Ernst

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Enclosures
cc: Jim Denniston
Parties of Record
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STATE OF MICHIGAN
BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter, on the Commission's own motion,	)	
to establish service quality standards, including	)	Case No. U-12598
enforcement provisions, for Ameritech Michigan.	)	

In the matter, on the Commission's own motion,	)	
of legislative-type inquiry into the quality of telecom-	)	Case No. U-12571
munication services of AMERITECH MICHIGAN.	)	

WORLDCOM'S OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED SETTLEMENT

Now Come MCImetro Access Transmission Services, Inc., Brooks Fiber Communication of Michigan, Inc., MCI WorldCom Communications, Inc., collectively referred to as "WorldCom", and pursuant to Rule 460.1733 of the Commission's Practice and Procedures, respectfully submits its objections to the proposed settlement filed on December 15, 2000, ("Proposed Settlement") and in support, states as follows:

The Proposed Settlement seeks to dismiss and close the dockets in Case Nos. U-12571, U-12598, and U-12599. WorldCom objects to that portion of the Proposed Settlement which seeks to dismiss and close Case No. U-12571.

In Case No. U-12571, the Commission ordered Ameritech to file in that docket an explanation of how its service quality problems developed and a verified statement detailing its business plan to adequately and expeditiously address these problems. The Commission found that

it should provide an opportunity for public input and stated that it would consider written comments concerning the issues raised in its order.¹

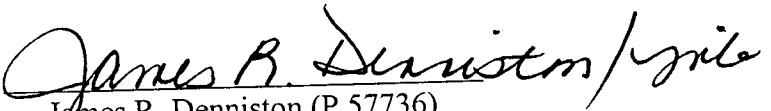
On September 27, 2000, WorldCom filed its written comments which showed that Ameritech in its business plan was trying to “rob Peter to pay Paul” in that in order to address issues relating to its end-users Ameritech was taking away resources from provisioning special access to IXC’s and CLECs. The WorldCom comments also showed that the special access provisioning by Ameritech is terrible and getting worse. WorldCom also recommended that the Commission place Ameritech on notice that when Ameritech applies for Section 271 that the Commission will be looking at special access provisioning and that this provisioning should be no worse than the performance of SBC in Texas which SBC-Texas applied for Section 271.

The Proposed Settlement does not address any of the concerns raised by WorldCom and therefore seems to bless the approach of further degrading special access provisioning in order to address Ameritech’s failure to provide proper service to its own end users. There are other ways to address provisioning problems to Ameritech’s end-users without punishing CLECs and IXC’s by providing further degrading special access service. Accordingly, the Proposed Settlement is against the public interest and should not be applied to Case No. U-12571.

¹ Order of August 17, 2000, in Case No. U-12571, at pages 2-3.

Respectfully submitted,

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Case No. U-12598

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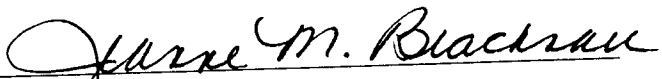
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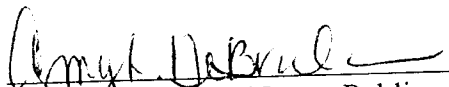
STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss.
COUNTY OF INGHAM)

Jeanne M. Beachnau, being first duly sworn, deposes and say that on the 15th day of December, 2000, she caused to be served upon the persons listed in the attached Service List, copies of WorldCom Objections to Proposed Settlement in the above-captioned matter by United States First Class and electronic mail.



Jeanne M. Beachnau

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 15th day of December, 2000.



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