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**PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED FOR COMMENTS ON
 SECTION 252(e)(5) PETITION FILED BY WORLDCOM, INC.**

CC Docket No. 00-218

Released: October 27, 2000

On October 26, 2000, WorldCom, Inc. (WorldCom) filed a petition pursuant section 252(e)(5) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, which asks the FCC to preempt the jurisdiction of the Virginia State Corporation Commission. WorldCom states that the Virginia Commission has failed to act when requested to arbitrate interconnection disputes between WorldCom and Bell Atlantic-Virginia, Inc. WorldCom requests that the FCC assume jurisdiction over and arbitrate WorldCom's interconnection agreements with Bell Atlantic-Virginia, Inc.

Interested parties may file comments regarding the WorldCom petition no later than **November 13, 2000**, with the Magalie Roman Salas, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street, SW, Room TW-B204, Washington, DC 20554. Oppositions or responses to these comments may be filed with the Secretary, FCC no later than **November 20, 2000**. All pleadings are to reference **CC Docket No. 00-218**. Interested parties should file an original and seven copies of all pleadings. An additional copy of all pleadings must also be sent to Janice M. Myles, Common Carrier Bureau, FCC, Room 5-C327, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554, and to the Commission's contractor for public services records duplication, International Transcription Services, Inc. (ITS), 445 12th Street, SW, Room CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554. The WorldCom petition is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC's Reference Center, Room CY-A257, 445 12th Street, SW, TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. Copies also can be obtained from ITS at 445 12th Street, SW, Room CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554 or by calling ITS at (202) 857-3800 or faxing ITS at (202) 857-3805.

Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/efcs.html>. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. If multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of this proceeding, however, commenters must transmit one electronic copy of the comments for each docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to efcs@fcc.gov, and should include the following words in the body of the message, "get form <your e-mail address.>" A sample form and directions will be sent in reply.

We will treat this proceeding as "permit, but disclose" for purposes of the Commission's *ex parte* rules. See generally 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200-1.1216. Parties making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentation must contain a summary of the substance of the

presentation and not merely a listing of the subjects discussed. More than a one or two sentence description of the views and arguments presented is generally required. See 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2), as revised. Other rules pertaining to oral and written presentations are set forth in section 1.1206(b) as well. Interested parties are to file with the Secretary, FCC, and serve Janice M. Myles and ITS, with copies of any written *ex parte* presentations or summaries of oral *ex parte* presentations in these proceedings in the manner specified above.

For further information on WorldCom's petition contact Alexis Johns at (202) 418-1580, and for general information contact Janice M. Myles, Policy and Program Planning Division, Common Carrier Bureau, at (202) 418-1577, e-mail jmyles@fcc.gov.

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