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## COMMON CARRIER BUREAU EXTENDS TRANSITION PERIOD FOR DETARIFFING CONSUMER DOMESTIC LONG DISTANCE SERVICES

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On May 1, 2000, the Commission's 1996 Order detariffing the interstate, domestic, interexchange services of nondominant interexchange carriers (IXCs) became effective.<sup>1</sup>

On May 9, 2000, pursuant to a grant of delegated authority,<sup>2</sup> the Common Carrier Bureau implemented a nine-month transition period ending January 31, 2001, in the manner specified by the Commission in the *Detariffing Order*, and sought comment on possible modifications to the requirements for that transition period.<sup>3</sup> In November, 2000, the Common Carrier Bureau extended the transition period for mass-market consumer services until April 30, 2001,<sup>4</sup> in order to allow the Commission to consider whether to establish a coordinated timetable for detariffing domestic and international consumer services.<sup>5</sup> In Joint Reply Comments to the *International*

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<sup>1</sup> *Policy and Rules Concerning the Interstate, Interexchange Marketplace, Implementation of 254(g) of the Communications Act of 1934*, CC Docket No. 96-61, Second Report and Order, 11 FCC Rcd 20730 (1996)(*Detariffing Order*); *Policy and Rules Concerning the Interstate, Interexchange Marketplace, Implementation of Section 254(g) of the Communications Act of 1934*, CC Docket No. 96-61, Order on Reconsideration, 12 FCC 15014 (1997)(*Reconsideration Order*); *Policy and Rules Concerning the Interstate, Interexchange Marketplace, Implementation of Section 254(g) of the Communications Act of 1934*, CC Docket No. 96-61, Second Order on Reconsideration and Erratum, 14 FCC Rcd 6004 (1999) (*Second Reconsideration Order*).

<sup>2</sup> *See Reconsideration Order*, 12 FCC Rcd at 15044, para. 52.

<sup>3</sup> *Domestic, Interexchange Carrier Detariffing Order Takes Effect*, CC Docket No. 96-61, Public Notice, DA 00-1028 (Com. Car. Bur. May 9, 2000).

<sup>4</sup> *In the Matter of Policy and Rules Concerning the Interstate, Interexchange Marketplace*, Order, 15 FCC Rcd 22321 (2000).

<sup>5</sup> *See, In the Matter of 2000 Biennial Regulatory Review, Policy and Rules Concerning the International, Interexchange Marketplace*, Docket No. IB-00-202, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 15 FCC Rcd 20008, (seeking comment on whether international services should be detariffed)(*International Detariffing NPRM*).

*Detariffing NPRM*, WorldCom, AT&T, Concert, Qwest, and Sprint urged the Commission to further extend the deadline for detariffing domestic services until August 31, 2001.<sup>6</sup> AT&T later modified its request for an extension of the deadline to July 31, 2001.<sup>7</sup>

By this Public Notice, the Bureau extends the transition period until July 31, 2001, for IXC's to complete the process of detariffing mass-market consumer services. IXC's were required to complete the process of detariffing domestic contract-type services by January 31, 2001.

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<sup>6</sup> Joint Reply Comments of WorldCom, AT&T, Concert, Qwest, and Sprint, Docket No. IB- 00-202 (*filed* December 4, 2000) at 7.

<sup>7</sup> Letter from Michael F. Del Casino, Regulatory Division Manager, AT&T, to Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, FCC, February 1, 2001.