

**Before the  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554**

MCI Telecommunications Corporation,	)	
	)	
Complainant,	)	
	)	File No. E-97-19A
v.	)	
	)	
Illinois Bell Telephone Company, <i>et al.</i> ,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	

**ORDER**

**Adopted:** April 6, 2001

**Released:** April 10, 2001

By the Deputy Chief, Market Disputes Resolution Division, Enforcement Bureau:

1. On April 10, 1997, MCI Telecommunications Corporation (a/k/a WorldCom, Inc. and hereinafter “WorldCom”) filed the above-captioned formal complaint against Illinois Bell Telephone Company, *et al.* (hereinafter “SBC”), in which WorldCom alleged, *inter alia*, that SBC violated section 271 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, with its 1-800-AMERITECH calling card service.<sup>1</sup> SBC denied the allegations. On October 19, 2000, the Commission issued an order granting in part WorldCom’s claims.<sup>2</sup> On December 18, 2000, WorldCom filed a supplemental complaint against SBC seeking damages based on the Commission’s finding of liability. SBC denied WorldCom’s damages claims.

2. On April 5, 2001, WorldCom and SBC filed a Joint Motion For Dismissal, in which the parties requested that WorldCom’s supplemental complaint for damages be dismissed with prejudice and that the proceeding be terminated. In support of their motion, the parties advised the Commission that they had settled their dispute and that the Commission’s time and resources would best be served by dismissing the complaint.

3. We are satisfied that dismissing the complaint with prejudice will serve the public interest by promoting the private resolution of disputes and by eliminating the need for further litigation and the expenditure of further time and resources of the parties and of this Commission.

<sup>1</sup> Telecommunications Act of 1996, Pub. L. No. 104-104, 110 Stat. 56 (1996); 47 U.S.C. §§ 271 (1991 & West. Supp. 1999).

<sup>2</sup> *MCI Telecommunications Corp. v. Illinois Bell Tel. Co., et al.*, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 15 FCC Rcd 23184 (2000).

4. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to sections 1, 4(i), 4(j), 201(b), and 208 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 151, 154(i), 154(j), 201(b), and 208, and the authority delegated in sections 0.111 and 0.311 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.111, 0.311, that WorldCom's and SBC's Joint Motion to Dismiss IS GRANTED.

5. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the supplemental complaint for damages in the above-captioned matter IS DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE and that this proceeding is TERMINATED.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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