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VIA E-MAIL AND UPS OVERNIGHT

Carole J. Washburn Executive Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission PO Box 47250 Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re: UT-033044: Errata to Dr. Cabe's Testimony

Dear Carole Washburn:

Enclosed are the original and 14 copies of the corrected page 20 to the Direct Testimony of Richard Cabe on behalf of MCI. It has come to our attention that an editorial comment was inadvertently included in the original testimony filed on December 22, 2003. Please remove page 20 and replace it with the new page. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours

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Enclosure

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C. The Commission's Tasks

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415 Q. WHAT DECISIONS MUST THE COMMISSION MAKE IN THIS PROCEEDING?

A. Although the FCC made a national finding that CLECs are impaired without unbundled access to ILEC local switching to serve mass-market customers, ²² it delegated to this Commission the task of determining whether the national finding of impairment is overcome in any areas within Washington. Specifically, the FCC "ask[ed] the states to assess impairment in the mass market on a market-by-market basis." The Commission must conduct a market-by-market investigation into whether existing barriers to entry for mass-market switching "are likely to make entry into a market uneconomic." ²⁴

Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE PROCESS THE COMMISSION SHOULD FOLLOW IN REACHING THESE DECISIONS.

426 A. The first step in the analytical process, logically, is to define the markets in which 427 the Commission will consider evidence of impairment on a "market-by-market" basis.²⁵

The Commission must further define the market by identifying a demarcation between the very small businesses that the FCC has included under the umbrella heading of "mass-market customers" and the larger businesses that the FCC has identified as "enterprise customers."

²² *Id.* ¶ 419.

²³ *Id.* ¶¶ 476 and 493.

²⁴ *Id.* ¶ 84.

²⁵ *Id.* ¶ 495.