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APRIL 28, 1998

RE: DOCKET NO. 980435-TI - Initiation of show cause proceedings against MCI Telecommunications Corporation for charging FCC universal service assessments on intrastate toll calls.

Issue 1: Should MCI be ordered to show cause within 20 days why it should not cease to charge FCC universal service assessments on intrastate toll calls and make appropriate refunds to its customers?

Recommendation: Yes. Staff recommends that the Commission should order MCI to show cause, in writing, within 20 days why it should not cease to charge FCC universal service assessments on intrastate toll calls and make appropriate refunds, with interest, to its customers. Refunds should also include amounts collected before April 1, 1998, plus interest, for the intrastate revenue-based National Access Fee (NAF). MCI should also refrain from instituting these charges for its residential customers. No fine should be assessed at this time.

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Issue 2: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: If MCI responds to the show cause order by ceasing to charge FCC universal service assessments on intrastate toll calls and making appropriate refunds, with interest, to its customers, this docket should be closed administratively. MCI must also refrain from instituting such charges for its residential customers. If MCI does not respond to the show cause order with the appropriate action, or if MCI requests a hearing, this docket should remain open for final disposition.

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