

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Applications of MCI)	
WorldCom Communications, Inc. to Make)	Case Nos. 05-278-TP-ZTA
Various Revisions to its PUCO Tariffs 1 and 2.)	05-279-TP-ZTA

ENTRY

The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) On March 1, 2005, MCI WorldCom Communications, Inc. (MCI) filed two applications, Case Nos. 05-278-TP-ZTA (05-278) and 05-279-TP-ZTA (05-279), seeking authority to make various revisions to its PUCO Tariffs 1 (local) and 2 (toll). Included among the tariff revisions filed by MCI in both applications are provisions seeking to recover from the company's Ohio customers a state and local surcharge to recover MCI's portion of its annual assessment charged to the company by the Commission. Traditionally, the recovery of a regulated utilities' annual assessment is rolled into the rates charged end user customers for service along with other costs of doing business.
- (2) In order to allow the Commission and its staff additional time to review the involved applications, the attorney examiner finds that the State and Local Surcharge for Recovery of Public Utilities Commission Assessments found in PUCO Tariff 1, 1st Revised Page No. 206, Section 10(A) and PUCO Tariff 2, 5th Revised Sheet No. 223, Section 5, 2.2.1 should be suspended at this time pursuant to Rule 4901:1-6-04(B), Ohio Administrative Code. Under this suspension and until the Commission orders otherwise, MCI is instructed to cease and desist from recouping the state and local surcharge set forth above from its Ohio customers.
- (3) The other tariff revisions set forth in 05-278 and 05-279 will be permitted to remain in effect at this time.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That the tariff revisions as discussed in finding 2 are suspended and MCI shall cease recouping this surcharge from its Ohio customers until otherwise authorized by the Commission. It is, further,

ORDERED, That the other tariff revisions set forth in 05-278 and 05-279 will be permitted to remain in effect in accordance with finding 3. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this entry be served all other interested persons of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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Secretary

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