

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI


In Re the Matter of MCI WorldCom
Communications, Inc. Proposed Tariff
to Increase its Intrastate Connection
Fee to Recover Access Costs Charged
by Local Telephone Companies

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) **Case No. LT-2004-0616**
) **Tariff File No. JL-2004-1424**
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Concurring Opinion of Commissioner Davis

I join in the majority in approving the tariffs at issue because I believe the charge is lawful. However, I do not believe the majority opinion adequately expresses my concern about the appearance of the surcharge on customers' bills. The use of surcharges can confuse customers about the true per-minute rate they are paying, and cause difficulty in comparing the service offerings of competing companies. My additional concern is that bills may be formatted and presented in such a way as to lead customers to believe this surcharge is akin to a tax or fee imposed by government regulation. The surcharge is simply one way of creating a rate structure that enables MCI WorldCom to generate revenue, and MCI WorldCom should ensure that it is presented as such to its customers.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeff Davis
Commissioner

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 22nd day of July, 2004.