

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

<p>IN RE:</p> <p>OFFICE OF CONSUMER ADVOCATE,</p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">Complainant,</p> <p>vs.</p> <p>MCI WORLDCOM, INC.,</p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">Respondent.</p>	<p style="text-align:center">DOCKET NO. FCU-03-21</p>
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ORDER DELAYING ACTION

(Issued February 20, 2004)

On March 24, 2003, the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice (Consumer Advocate) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a request for formal complaint proceedings against MCI WorldCom, Inc. (MCI), pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.103 (2003), for an alleged violation of the Board's slamming rules.

On April 14, 2003, MCI filed a response and a motion to dismiss Consumer Advocate's petition.

On January 20, 2004, the Board issued an order docketing Consumer Advocate's petition as a formal proceeding, denying MCI's motion to dismiss the petition, and requesting a status report from the parties.

On January 26, 2004, Consumer Advocate filed a status report as requested by the Board's January 20, 2004, order. In its report, Consumer Advocate stated that the parties were discussing a possible settlement in this matter. In addition, Consumer Advocate stated that it will immediately begin pursuing discovery and that it is ready to schedule a hearing in the matter.

The Board has reviewed Consumer Advocate's status report and finds that the parties may benefit from a continuance in this matter so as to further pursue a possible settlement. Therefore, the Board will delay further action in this matter until February 27, 2004.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

Further action in this matter is delayed until February 27, 2004, as described in this order.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 20th day of February, 2004.