

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

<p>IN RE:</p> <p>OFFICE OF CONSUMER ADVOCATE,</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Complainant,</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">vs.</p> <p>MCI WORLDCOM COMMUNICATIONS, INC.,</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Respondent.</p>	<p style="text-align:center">DOCKET NO. FCU-04-47</p>
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**ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND
ASSESSING CIVIL PENALTY**

(Issued November 15, 2004)

On November 4, 2004, the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice and MCI WorldCom Communications, Inc. (Company), filed a settlement agreement and joint motion for approval of the settlement agreement. No one filed an objection to the settlement agreement.

The settlement agreement provides, among other things, that the Company will pay a civil monetary penalty of \$500 due 30 days after entry of a Board order approving the agreement.

The settlement agreement is reasonable in light of the record, is consistent with applicable law, is in the public interest, and should be approved.

199 IAC 7.2(11).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The joint motion for approval of the settlement agreement is granted and the settlement agreement filed by the parties on November 4, 2004, is approved.

2. Pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.103 (2003) and the settlement agreement, the Company is assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$500. Payment in the form of a check made payable to the Iowa Utilities Board shall be forwarded to the Executive Secretary of the Iowa Utilities Board at 350 Maple Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0069. Payment is due within 30 days of the date of this order. The docket number listed on this order shall be listed on the check or in the accompanying correspondence.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Amy L. Christensen
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Administrative Law Judge

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 15th day of November, 2004.