

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, INC.,</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Respondent.</p>	<p style="text-align:center">DOCKET NO. FCU-03-21</p>
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ORDER GRANTING MOTION AND MODIFYING BRIEFING SCHEDULE

(Issued January 10, 2005)

On January 6, 2005, MCI, Inc. (MCI), filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a request to modify the briefing schedule established in this docket by Board order issued December 1, 2004.

In support of its request, MCI states that the recent winter weather conditions have resulted in the loss of part, or all, of several working days needed to complete the briefs to be filed in this docket on or before January 10, 2005. MCI suggests that initial briefs be filed on or before January 18, 2005, and reply briefs be filed on or before February 8, 2005. MCI also states that it has discussed this motion with the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice (Consumer Advocate) and that Consumer Advocate does not object to this modification of the briefing schedule.

The Board has reviewed MCI's request and finds that it is reasonable. The briefing schedule previously established in this docket is vacated and a modified briefing schedule will be established.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The "Motion for Modification of Briefing Schedule" in Docket No. FCU-03-21 filed by MCI, Inc., on January 6, 2005, is granted.
2. The following modified briefing schedule is established for this proceeding:
 - a. Simultaneous initial briefs shall be filed on or before January 18, 2005.
 - b. Simultaneous reply briefs shall be filed on or before February 8, 2005.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 10th day of January, 2005.