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Re: *In the Matter of US West's Compliance with Section 271 of the
Telecommunications Act of 1996
Docket No: U-0000-97-238*

Dear Mr. Dabelstein:

MCI Communications Corporation and MCImetro Access Transmission Services (collectively "MCI") appreciates the § 271 procedures prepared by the staff and approved by Commission in Decision #60218. MCI respectfully requests that as this process evolves that the Commission and staff allow parties to conduct discovery and that the Commission hold evidentiary hearings on the § 271 issues. To provide the interested parties with adequate information, it may be necessary to review materials filed by other parties and then follow up, as appropriate, with discovery requests. Otherwise, the record may not be complete. It would also be very important to the process for all parties' positions to be subject to an evidentiary hearing. MCI would appreciate the opportunity to discuss these recommendations with the staff.

Very truly yours,

Thomas H. Campbell

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