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**Re: Docket No. T-00000-97-0238**

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed please find an original and ten copies of GST Telecom Inc.'s withdrawal and motion to quash. Should you have any questions about this filing, please direct them to the undersigned at 360-356-7104.

Sincerely,

  
Barry Pineles

Enclosures

**BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION**

**JIM IRVIN**

**Chairman**

**TONY WEST**

**Commissioner**

**CARL J. KUNASEK**

**Commissioner**

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IN THE MATTER OF THE U S WEST )  
COMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S )  
COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 271 OF )  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF )  
1996. )

Docket No. T-00000~~B~~-97-0238

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**GST TELECOM INC.'S WITHDRAWAL AND MOTION TO  
QUASH U S WEST'S FIRST SET OF DATA REQUESTS**

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GST TELECOM INC. ("GST") hereby withdraws from the above-captioned docket and moves the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") to quash U S WEST Communications, Inc.'s ("U S WEST") First Set of Data Requests to GST served upon GST on February 22, 1999.

On February 8, 1999, U S WEST, pursuant to the Commission's procedural order, filed a notice of intent to request authorization to provide in-region InterLATA service in Arizona. Two weeks later, U S WEST propounded a set of 41 extremely burdensome discovery requests on GST. GST objected to the discovery request as unduly burdensome and not relevant to the matters before the Commission. GST still contends that the discovery request is unduly burdensome and not relevant to the issues in this proceeding.

Upon further review, GST has determined that an extensive commitment of resources in this proceeding would not be fruitful. Since GST has decided to withdraw from this

proceeding, it should not be required to respond to U S WEST's data requests. The request has been discussed with U S WEST's counsel and he has voiced no objection to the filing.

Withdrawal from this proceeding should not be viewed by either U S WEST or this Commission as an admission that GST is satisfied with U S WEST's actions in Arizona. GST is not. However, GST believes that there are other proceedings, both before this Commission and in other venues, in which to raise and resolve these problems.

Wherefore, GST Telecom Inc withdraws from the above-captioned docket and moves to quash U S WEST's First Set of Data Requests to GST.

Respectfully submitted,

DATED MARCH 26, 1999

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