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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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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-00000B-97-0238

**GST TELECOM, INC.'s OBJECTIONS TO U S WEST'S FIRST SET OF DATA
REQUESTS AND MOTION TO STAY DISCOVERY**

GST Telecom, Inc. ("GST") objects to the First Set of Data Requests served upon GST by U S WEST Communications, Inc. ("U S WEST") on or about February 19, 1999.¹ U S WEST has directed GST to respond to the data requests within 10 days from February 19, 1999.

AND AS GROUNDS FOR THIS OBJECTION, GST states:

1. On February 8, 1999, U S WEST filed its 271 Notice of Intent with this Commission.
2. On February 16, 1999, a group of competitive local exchange carriers ("CLECs") including GST Net (AZ), Inc., a subsidiary of GST Telecom, Inc., filed a joint motion to reject U S WEST's 271 Notice of Intent. That motion speaks for itself, but generally asserts that U S WEST has failed to comply with the Commission's procedural requirements stated in Decision No. 60218 issued May 17, 1997, as amended, and that the Commission should not allow U S WEST to unilaterally modify the Commission's procedural requirements.

¹The undersigned received the discovery requests after normal business hours on February 19, 1999.

3. GST objects to responding to these First Data Requests as directed by U S WEST until the Commission has ruled upon the joint motion to reject U S WEST's 271 filing which has been pending before the Commission since February 16, 1999.

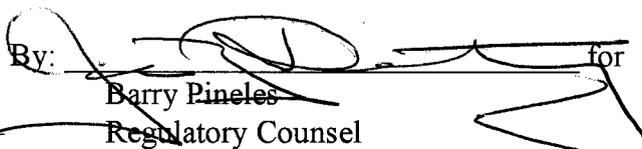
4. Further, GST requests that U S WEST's First Data Requests to GST be stayed and that GST not be required to respond to the data requests until the Commission has acted upon the joint motion to reject.

5. GST further reserves the right to make any other objections to the First Data Requests that GST might otherwise make until after the Commission has acted upon this objection and the joint motion to reject.

WHEREFORE, GST requests the Commission grant this objection and stay these First Data Requests to GST.

Dated: February 25, 1999

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