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Docket Nos. U-3175-96-479 ✓
E-1051-96-479

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF
MCIMETRO ACCESS TRANSMISSION
SERVICES, INC. FOR ARBITRATION
WITH US WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
OF INTERCONNECTION RATES, TERMS,
AND CONDITIONS PURSUANT TO
47 U.S.C. §252(b) OF THE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996

CONSOLIDATED WITH:

- U-2428-96-417 ✓
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- E-1051-96-505
- U-3155-96-527 ✓
- E-1051-96-527

**MCI METRO ACCESS TRANSMISSION SERVICES, INC.'S
RESPONSE TO ARIZONA STATE AFL-CIO'S REQUEST FOR INTERVENTION**

MCI Metro Access Transmission Services, Inc. ("MCI") objects to the AFL-CIO's request to intervene in the above-captioned proceedings for two reasons. First, this proceeding is a private arbitration relating to an interconnection contract between private parties. Third parties have been excluded from these proceedings. Second, these proceedings have been in progress for over a year with multiple hearing days and even final orders issued on some aspects of these interconnection contracts. The appropriate approach for the AFL-CIO is to comment on recommended opinions and orders arising

1 from these arbitrations by filing written comments with the Commission prior to the
2 Commission's final decision as provided for in Commission Rule R14-2-1505 (I).

3 With respect to the AFL-CIO's request for a new docket relating to training
4 and skills enhancement, MCI respectfully suggests that training and skills enhancement
5 should be the responsibility of the various telecommunication providers. Certainly the
6 AFL-CIO is correct that employee training is important, but the Commission should not
7 interfere with this aspect of the operation of a private business unless there is some
8 evidence that a particular telecommunication carrier is not providing adequate service to
9 the public.

10 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 21st day of October, 1997.

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