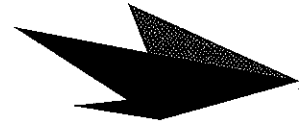


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Re: ARB 890 Master Interconnection, Collocation and Resale Agreement for the State of Oregon between MCI metro Access Transmission Services, LLC and United Telephone Company of the Northwest d/b/a Embarq

Dear Ms. Walker:

The parties to this interconnection agreement request to withdraw their application for Approval of a Negotiated Interconnection Agreement between MCI metro Access Transmission Services, LLC and United Telephone Company of the Northwest d/b/a Embarq in Docket ARB 890 in order to negotiate changes to the agreement pursuant to a request by the Commission's staff.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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