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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

ARB 529

In the Matter of)	
)	
MCI WORLDCOM COMMUNICATIONS INC and)	
VERIZON NORTHWEST INC.)	ORDER
)	
Negotiated Interconnection Agreement Submitted)	
for Commission Approval Pursuant to Section)	
252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.)	

DISPOSITION: NEGOTIATED INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT WITHDRAWN;
AGREEMENT DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE;
DOCKET CLOSED.

Verizon Northwest Inc. (Verizon) filed this negotiated interconnection agreement with the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) on February 23, 2004. On March 1, 2004, Verizon filed a letter withdrawing the negotiated interconnection agreement.

The Commission notes that a first amendment to the negotiated interconnection agreement was filed on February 26, 2004. The Commission considers the first amendment to be included in Verizon's request for withdrawal.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that the negotiated interconnection agreement between MCI Worldcom Communications Inc. and Verizon Northwest Inc., and subsequent first amendment, filed by Verizon Northwest Inc., is dismissed without prejudice. This docket is closed.

Made, entered, and effective _____.

Lee Sparling
Director
Utility Program