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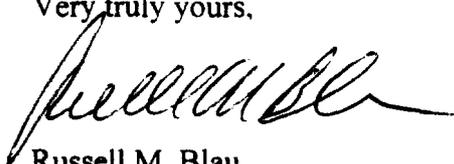
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Re: RM-8614, Unbundling of Local Exchange Carrier Common Line Facilities

Dear Mr. Caton:

This letter is to advise you that MFS Communications Company, Inc. ("MFS") hereby withdraws (without prejudice) the above-referenced Petition for Rulemaking it filed with the Commission on March 7, 1995. The Petition asked the Commission to initiate a rulemaking to establish rules and procedures for unbundling the local loop. As you know, one of the issues the Commission is now considering in CC Docket No. 96-98, Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions in the Telecommunications Act of 1994, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 96-182 (released April 19, 1996) (the "NPRM"), is the adoption of rules to require the unbundling of local loops. To the extent that the relief sought by MFS in its Petition was the initiation of a rulemaking, that relief has now been granted by the issuance of the NPRM, and the Petition is moot. Of course, the substantive issues raised in the Petition remain very much alive, and MFS intends to continue pursuing Commission action on those issues in CC Docket No. 96-98 and any other appropriate proceedings.

Very truly yours,



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