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In the Matter of )  
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Section 257 Proceeding to Identify and )  
Eliminate Market Entry Barriers for )  
Small Businesses )

GN Docket No. 96-113

REQUEST TO WITHDRAW PLEADING

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The United States Telephone Association (USTA) hereby retracts its comments filed in response to the Commission's Notice of Inquiry released May 21, 1996, in the above-referenced docket. USTA respectfully requests that the Commission remove USTA's comments from the public record of this proceeding. USTA's comments should not be considered as part of the official record for purposes of any future Commission determinations in this proceeding.

USTA originally filed comments on August 23, 1996, pursuant to a Commission Order released July 9, 1996. A subsequent Order, released on August 23, 1996 again extended the comment deadline to September 27, 1996. USTA did not learn of this subsequent Order until after USTA had filed its original comments. The comments filed on August 23 do not reflect USTA's position in this proceeding. USTA requests that the public record of this proceeding reflect the fact that USTA did not file any comments during the initial comment cycle, although USTA reserves the right to file comments in the subsequent cycle of replies pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 1.415(c).

Respectfully Submitted,  
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