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**WITHDRAWAL OF PETITION**

*Re: Petition of the Embarq Local Operating Companies for Forbearance from Enforcement of Section 69.5(a) of the Commission's Rules, Section 251(b) of the Communications Act and Commission Orders on the ESP Exemption, WC Docket No. 08-8.*

Dear Ms Dortch:

The Embarq Local Operating Companies hereby withdraw the Petition for Forbearance filed in the above-captioned docket on January 11, 2008.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need anything else.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeffrey S Lanning". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first and last names being the most prominent.

Jeffrey S Lanning

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