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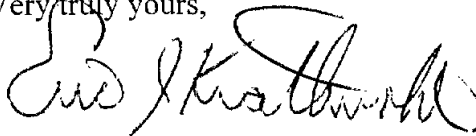
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Re: essential.com, Inc., Case Nos. 99-1694-CT-RRJ; 99-1583-TP-ACE

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to my conversation today with Nat Goldman of your Staff, by this letter essential.com, Inc. hereby withdraws its filing in Case No. 99-1694-CT-RRJ because we are seeking certification as a CLEC (providing local and interexchange) service on a switchless resale basis. Our application for certification as a CLEC is now in Case No. 99-1583-TP-ACE and we understand favorable action thereon will allow essential.com to provide both local and interexchange service on a switchless resale basis. We are also in receipt of staff's questions relating to the latter application and will provide responses at our earliest opportunity, but in any event before the end of next week.

Very truly yours,



Eric J. Krathwohl

Cc: Nathaniel H. Goldman

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