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VIA EFIS

Ms. Colleen M. Dale
Secretary
Missouri Public Service Commission
200 Madison Street, Suite 100
P. O. Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0360

RE: **Case No.**

Re Joint Application and Motion for Expedited Treatment of Level 3 Communications, Inc. and TelCove, Inc. for Approval of a Transfer of Control of TelCove Operations, Inc. and Related Transactions

Dear Ms. Dale:

This letter is being filed for the purpose of securing a case number for the *Joint Application and Motion for Expedited Treatment* of Level 3 Communications, Inc. and TelCove, Inc. for electronic filing with the Commission. The actual *Joint Application and Motion for Expedited Treatment* will be filed after the designation of a case number for this matter in EFIS.

Thank you for your assistance in processing this filing. Copies are being served electronically on the General Counsel's office and the Office of the Public Counsel. Please contact me at 659-8672 or by email at wds@wdspsc.com if there are any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ William D. Steinmeier

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