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RE: Docket No. 07-00226: Joint Application of PAETEC Communications, Inc. and US LEC of Tennessee, Inc. for Approval of Intra-Corporate Merger; Transfer of Authority to Provide Local Exchange and Exchange Access Service; and Cancellation of US LEC's Authority to Provide Telecommunications Service

Dear Mr. Lee and Mses. Chiu and McLaughlin:

I am writing you to obtain an update about the *Joint Application* filed with the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA" or "Authority") on September 27, 2007. On November 1, 2007, the Petitioners indicated that changes to the proposed transaction were contemplated and requested that the Authority take no further action concerning the *Joint Application* until an appropriate amendment is filed. The Authority granted the request on November 6, 2007. Since the action taken in November, the Authority has not received an amendment to the *Joint Application*. Please provide the Authority with an update on status of the amendment to the *Joint Application* by February 6, 2008.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please call Carlos Black at 615-741-2904, ext. 196, or email him at Carlos.Black@state.tn.us. Please respond by sending the original and 13 copies either by U.S. Mail or express mail. Alternatively, you may send the original and four (4) copies along with an electronic file to:

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Sincerely,

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