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Ms. Grace R. Chiu, Counsel
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RE: Docket 09-00161: Joint Application of PAETEC Communications, Inc., US LEC of Tennessee Inc., and McLeodUSA Telecommunications, Services, Inc. d/b/a PAETEC Business Services for Approval to Participate in Various Debt Financing Arrangements

Dear Ms. Chiu and Mr. Lee:

In order to fully analyze the above-referenced *Joint Application*, the Tennessee Regulatory Authority requires additional information. Please provide the information requested below by October 14, 2009, and refer to this correspondence as Data Request No. 1 in the response.

1. Have the applicants applied for approval for financing from any federal agency? If so, what is the status of such application or notification?
2. Will assets located in Tennessee be pledged as collateral for any debt issued pursuant to the transaction described in the *Joint Application*?

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please call Carlos Black at 615-741-2904, ext. 196 or email him at Carlos.Black@tn.gov. 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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