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Ms. Sharla Dillon
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Re: **Docket 09-00161: Responses to Data Request No. 1 -- *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. Dillon:

PAETEC Communications, Inc. ("PAETEC"), US LEC of Tennessee Inc. ("PAETEC-TN"), and McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. d/b/a PAETEC Business Services ("PAETEC Business") (collectively, "Applicants"), by their undersigned counsel, hereby submit for filing in the above referenced docket their responses to Data Request No. 1, issued by Mr. Jerry Kettles, Chief of the Economic Analysis & Policy Division, by letter dated October 7, 2009 ("Data Request No. 1").

An original and four (4) copies of this filing are enclosed. Please date-stamp the extra copy of this filing, and return it to us in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

The numbered paragraphs below correspond to the questions as numbered in Data Request No. 1.

1. Have the applicants filed for approval for financing from any federal agency? If so, what is the status of such application or notification?

Response: No. Applicants are not required to obtain approval for financing from any federal agency.

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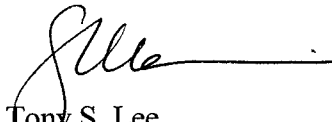
2. Will assets located in Tennessee be pledged as collateral for any debt issued pursuant to the transaction described in the *Joint Application*?

Response: Yes. It is expected that assets located in Tennessee will be pledged to secure any debt obligations incurred under the various financing arrangements described in the *Joint Application*. PAETEC's assets located in Tennessee include telecommunications facilities and equipment. PAETEC-TN assets in Tennessee consist of telecommunications facilities and equipment, furniture, and office equipment and related supplies. Finally, PAETEC Business's assets in Tennessee consist of dark fiber.

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Please contact us if there are any questions regarding these responses.

Respectfully submitted,



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