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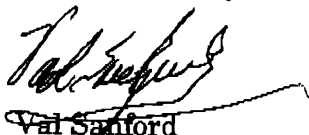
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Re: *Joint Petition of TEC Companies and the Consumer Advocate Division
for the Approval of Earnings Review Settlement*
Docket No. 99-00995

Dear Richard:

In response to the letter from Dale Grimes addressed to you dated April 12, 2000, while we do not agree with all the statements made therein, we do agree that a pre-hearing conference should be set as soon as practicable. It is AT&T's position that this matter should be disposed of expeditiously.

Yours very truly,



Val Sanford

VS/ghc

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