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Mr. William Irby, Director
Division of Communications
Virginia State Corporation Commission
Tyler Building
1300 East Main Street
Richmond, VA 23210

Re: PUC000026 Collaborative Committee

Dear Mr. Irby:

In your June 28, 2000 letter initiating a process for the Collaborative Committee in Virginia, you asked Bell Atlantic – Virginia, Inc. (BA-VA) and GTE South Incorporated – Virginia (GTE) to submit our proposed carrier performance standards and remedy plans by July 19, 2000.

While we intend to provide you with proposed carrier performance measurements and standards on the 19th, we would like an extension of two weeks to provide a remedy plan. It is our intention to provide separate carrier performance measurements and standards for each company, but to provide a remedy plan that is very similar for each. The extension is necessary in order to provide a quality proposal. In particular, BA-VA and GTE need additional time to consider issues raised by CLECs in other jurisdictions. We feel this extra time will allow our proposal to be a better starting point for the Collaborative Committee discussion on August 8, 2000.

If this plan is acceptable, we will deliver our proposal to you not later than August 2, 2000 in both hard copy and electronic form. The electronic version should allow you to quickly post the version on your web site for participants in the collaborative to review. Please notify me as quickly as possible if this plan is acceptable.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John W. Knapp, Jr.", written in a cursive style.