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Ms. Melinda Watts  
Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Re: Docket No. 011553-TP

Dear Ms. Watts:

This letter is being sent to follow up on our previous conversation regarding Docket No. 011553-TP, a compliance investigation docket opened for alleged violations by US LEC of Florida and other ALECs of Section 364.183(1), F.S., Access to Company Records.

It is apparent that the registered mail document notifying US LEC of the 'Year 2001 Local Competition Report Data Request' was received at our corporate headquarters location. It was never our intention to not respond to the document, however, the document was never properly routed to our regulatory staff. Where the document ended up internally is still in question. US LEC fully recognizes the regulatory authority of the Public Service Commission and has always replied in a timely manner to Commission requests. You will note we replied in a timely manner to the 2000 Local Competition Request, as well as a recent numbering audit and all Commission comments requests.

US LEC has taken the steps necessary to prevent a similar incident in the future. A calendar has been developed to automatically notify US LEC's internal regulatory staff of the expected due dates of Commission annual reports. If notifications have not been received by the expected date, the calendar will act to alert our department to contact the Public Service Commission staff and inquire as to the status.

Finally, we would like to offer a settlement in the amount of \$1,250.00 to resolve this matter. We recognize an error has occurred, but hope the staff will understand that in no way was this error intentional.

Please review the matter and update me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

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Jeremy Needham

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