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The Honorable Harvey S. Peeler, Jr. The President South Carolina Senate 213 Gressette Building Columbia, SC 29201 The Honorable James H. Lucas The Speaker South Carolina House of Representatives 506 Blatt Building Columbia, SC 29201

Subject: Office of Regulatory Staff Report in Compliance with § 58-9-576 (C)(14 and 15)

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

Section 58-9-576 (C)(14 and 15) requires the Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) submit a Report to the General Assembly regarding Local Exchange Companies (LECs) that elected deregulation as provided for in Act 7. The Report is to be submitted no later than five years from the effective date of the Act and every five years following the submission of the first Report. This is the second Report submitted by ORS. The purpose of this Report is to examine Act 7's effects by identifying any anti-competitive activities or violations of the terms and conditions of the electing LECs' contracts with residential or commercial customers.

ORS also is required to maintain copies of all written customer complaints concerning the following: (a) allegations regarding the inability of residential and business customers to obtain the functional equivalent of basic local exchange service (b) allegations of anticompetitive practices and (c) allegations regarding violations of contract terms and conditions by an electing LEC.

Listed below are the entities that have made the necessary filing with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina and have elected to operate under Section 58-9-576 (C). ORS reviewed over 600 telecommunications complaints filed by the public, and to date, ORS observed no pattern or practice by the electing LECs of violating the terms and conditions of their contracts with residential or commercial customers or any pattern or practice of anticompetitive activities.

BellSouth Telecommunications d/b/a AT&T South Carolina

YMAX Communications Corporation

BellSouth Long Distance, Inc., d/b/a AT&T Long Distance Service

AT&T Communications of the Southern States

TC Systems, Incorporated

MCimetro Access Transmission Services, LLC d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services Sprint Communications Company L.P. US LEC of South Carolina, LLC Momentum Telecom, Inc. Teleport Communications of America, LLC Metropolitan Telecommunications of SC, Inc.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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