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The Honorable Thomas C. Alexander  
The President  
South Carolina Senate  
213 Gressette Building  
Columbia, SC 29201

The Honorable G. Murrell Smith, Jr.  
The Speaker  
South Carolina House of Representatives  
506 Blatt Building  
Columbia, SC 29201

Subject: The South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff's Report in Compliance with S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-576 (C)(15)

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

South Carolina Code § 58-9-576 (C)(15) requires the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") to submit to the General Assembly a Report regarding Local Exchange Companies ("LECs") that elected de-regulation as provided for in Act No. 7 of 2009 ("Act"). 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 third Report submitted by ORS and its purpose is to examine the Act'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.

South Carolina Code § 58-9-576 (C)(14) requires ORS to maintain copies of all written 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 anti-competitive practices; and (c) allegations regarding violations of contract terms and conditions by an electing LEC.

The entities listed below made the necessary filings with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina and elected to operate under Section 58-9-576(C). ORS reviewed over 1,000 telecommunications complaints filed by the public, and to date, has 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 anti-competitive 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**

**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 do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A. Bateman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Andrew Bateman

cc: Andy Fiffick  
John Hazzard  
Patrick Dennis  
Steve Davidson