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UTILITIES DIVISION STAFF,

Complainant,

v.

McLEODUSA TELECOMMUNICATIONS
SERVICES, INC.,

Respondent.

Docket No. T-03267A-03-0887

STATUS REPORT

Pursuant to the July 23, 2004 Procedural Order, McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. (McLeodUSA) submits this status report on settlement discussions between McLeodUSA and Utilities Division Staff (Staff). Counsel for McLeodUSA has discussed the content of this Report with counsel for Staff and Staff agrees with this Report.

Subsequent to the July 20, 2004 procedural conference in this docket, McLeodUSA and Staff met to discuss possible settlement of the complaint. It was agreed that McLeodUSA would prepare a settlement proposal and provide it to Staff. McLeodUSA is in the process of preparing a detailed proposal and should be able to present that proposal to Staff within the next week. McLeodUSA and Staff believe that the settlement discussions have been productive and should continue.

Should it appear that the parties are at an impasse on settlement, the parties will notify the Hearing Division and will recommend a procedural schedule for this docket, including a briefing schedule on the issue of the applicability of Section 252(e) of the 1996 Telecommunications Act to McLeodUSA and the agreements identified in the complaint

1 that will allow that issue to be argued at the same time the issue is argued in the Eschelon
2 complaint docket.

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4 Dated this 12th day of August, 2004.

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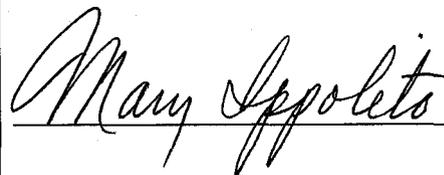
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