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Ms. Geneva S. Thigpen
Chief Clerk
North Carolina Utilities Commission
4325 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4325

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Dear Ms. Thigpen:

We are writing on behalf of the Lexington Area Chamber of Commerce in support of the proposed "distributed overlay" relief plan for the 336 area code. After reviewing the available options, our Board of Directors on February 28 unanimously voted to recommend this plan to the Commission. This plan provides the most cost effective and efficient means to address the present and future needs of our community and the Piedmont Triad area. The advantages of this plan far outweigh the disadvantages; therefore, the Lexington Area Chamber of Commerce strongly recommend your full acceptance of the 336 area code "distributed overlay" plan before you at this time.

*Clerk
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Sincerely,

William H. McMurray, III

William H. McMurray, III
Chair

James R. Simeon

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Executive Director