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October 20, 2008

Chairman Kevin J. Martin
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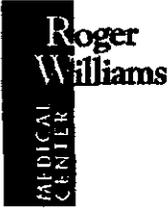
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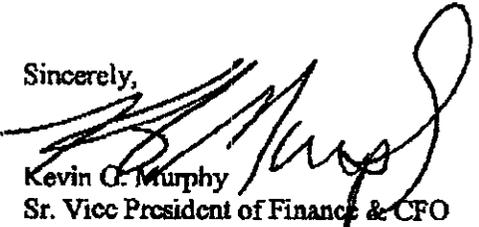
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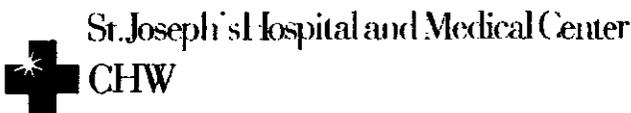
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City of Asheville, NC

Asheville Fire and Rescue

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Sincerely,
Alan Perdue, Director

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Writer's Direct Number:

October 21, 2008

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John Jenkins
VP & Chief Information Officer



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Ginger K. Allred
Manager of Support Services



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Sincerely,

Rich Tieslau

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Rich Tieslau'. The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the typed name and contact information.

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October 20, 2008

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Sincerely,

Michael R. Gordon
Communications Manager
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Friday, October 17, 2008

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Our organization relies heavily on paging services for emergency communications ranging from emergency response, security, building emergency and numerous other building-related communications. Today, we pay less than 10 cents per month in USF charges for each pager, and often less than 5 cents. Replacing these revenue-based charges with a flat \$1.00 charge would dramatically raise our costs (by as much as 30% overall) for these services, causing our organization to revisit its use of the services. At a time when our budgets are already stretched and in an uncertain economy, this is not a welcome surprise.

Our industry, commercial janitorial, serves our customers in the evening after regular business hours. Pager communications are integral to the safety factor of both our customers and our employees. These communications can affect property, tenant and employee security.

As a result of the increased costs, we will be forced to re-evaluate our communication strategy. These revisions will likely lead us to reduce our communications usage in order to offset the increased costs. As a result, we feel that building safety, security and emergency response could be adversely impacted.

We are in the business of providing services to the public and private sectors. We understand the USF goals are also aligned with the public interest as the USF helps defray the cost of telephone service in rural areas and for low-income consumers as well as provides subsidies to schools, libraries, and rural health clinics. However, we feel these revisions will run counter to the interests of the public. Therefore we urge you to reconsider the changes taking into account the adverse impact they may cause in the building service community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Charles White'.

Charles White
Safety Director
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Sincerely,

Christe Pendleton
Corporate Administration



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South Carolina
Public Works Department

October 21, 2008

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Sincerely,

Mike A. Welch
Public Works Director





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