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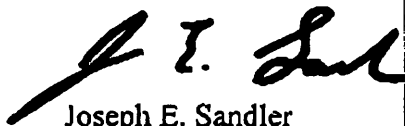
Dear Mr. McDonnell:

Pursuant to our conversation, this will confirm that Senator Gene Stipe and The Stipe Law Firm request that their request for pre-probable cause conciliation in the above-referenced MUR be held in abeyance pending the completion of whatever investigation the Office of General Counsel deems necessary in order to formulate a recommendation to the Commission with respect to this request.

If you have any questions or need anything further in connection with the above, please contact me.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,



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cc: James E. Frasier, Esq.