



determine the proper response in light of their hopes to continue negotiations that have thus far been productive.

Defendant's motion to dismiss notwithstanding, Complainants believe significant progress has been made toward the goal of resolving the issues in this dispute. Perhaps most notably, Complainant Highland Telephone Cooperative has continued to negotiate a new transit traffic agreement with Defendant, as Defendant acknowledged in its recent motion.

Despite these efforts, however, one central issue remains unresolved. Defendant's tariff remains in place. This issue remains troublesome for the Complainants, but the parties continue to communicate in the hopes of reaching a timely and fair resolution.

Because Complainants have not yet had time to respond to Defendant's motion to dismiss, they do not feel they are in the position to estimate a date by which the matter will be resolved. However, Complainants anticipate responding to Defendant's motion to dismiss no later than Monday, December 22, 2008, and believe that the positions of all parties will both be more clear at that time.

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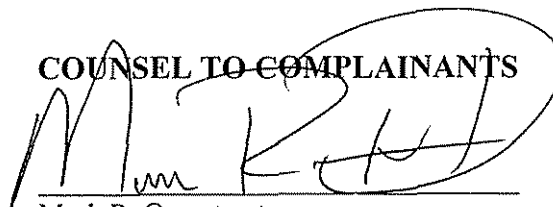
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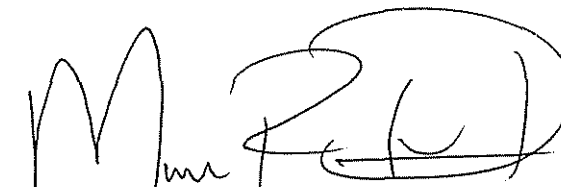
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