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Dear Messrs. Thompson and Bailey:

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The Commission appreciates receiving the views of the OAS and the CRCPD and looks forward to a continued close cooperative working relationship with the Agreement States. The Commission also looks forward to meeting with the OAS and the CRCPD Board members to discuss the GL Rule and other areas of interests to the States.

If you have any questions, please call me at (301) 415-3340 or e-mail PHL@NRC.GOV.

Sincerely,

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