

May 20, 2005

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SUBJECT: REMOVAL OF FEDERAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES (FTS) LINES  
FROM THE FORMER NEAR-SITE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS FACILITIES  
(EOFs)

Dear Mr. Gasser:

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If you have any questions, please contact me at 301-415-1055.

Sincerely,

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