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Dear Sirs,

In response to your letter, requesting third party mediation. I am willing to enter into third party mediation with Broadwing Communications, as long as this case can go back to the Chief Regulatory Law Judge for judgment, if a compromise cannot be worked out between Broadwing Communications and myself.

Would you know who is responsible for picking and paying for the third party mediator? If the cost is very high, then I am not willing to use a third party mediator because the cost would be more than the disputed amount!

Also, I was not informed that Broadwing Communications had requested additional time and that I had to respond to this request. The first time I had learned about this request was from your letter post marked 3/1/04.



Sincerely, Rickey Oaks