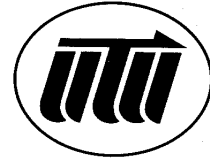


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Dear Mr. Williams:

Please find enclosed the original and 25 copies of UTU's Notice of Appearance in the above captioned matter. Also we have enclosed a disk in WordPerfect format in accordance with prior Board requirements.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Daniel R. Elliott, III".

Daniel R. Elliott, III
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Enclosures

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