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Dear Secretary

Arthur Andersen LLP is in agreement with the statements of fact in Draft AO 2000-36, although we believe that one sentence can be revised slightly to improve its clarity and accuracy

Specifically, on page 5, lines 20 to 22, we recommend that the sentence end as follows "and that AC has no further obligations to any Arthur Andersen entity after August 7 except as set forth in the arbitration award" The Draft AO correctly states that the arbitration award requires a change in name and the return of certain technology, but the award also requires that AC comply with certain other contractual obligations specified in the award that were outstanding as of August 7 2000 It is our understanding that the Commission has received the arbitration award as part of the advisory opinion request

Very truly yours,

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