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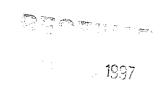
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Dear Florene:

Enclosed are an original and two copies of a pre-hearing statement in Case 11844 (Application of Chesapeake Operating, Inc.).

Very truly yours,

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