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Mr. Thomas N. Rinaldo
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**Re: Interest Arbitration - NYSCOPBA and State of New York
I.A. 2004-009**

Dear Mr. Rinaldo:

As you know, we have scheduled a conference in Albany on July 28th in the above-referenced matter, and six days have been set aside in October, November and December for the hearing. As discussed at the telephone conference we held last month, we will require additional days within which to complete the hearing, and it would be my hope that the hearing could begin earlier than October. I am, therefore, respectfully requesting that, if you have any days that have become available since our telephone conference, that we be given the opportunity, subject, of course, to the availability of all the parties, to take those dates.

Very truly yours,



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