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Dear John,

This letter is to confirm our conversation of today regarding my concerns with the GTE delay in scheduling negotiations meetings for billing and interconnection. At our meeting yesterday in Dallas, GTE and AT&T agreed that we would convene next week to discuss billing and interconnection issues. As we discussed, the AT&T team is ready to negotiate next week.

Today Lisa Tyler of AT&T was informed by Mike Billings of GTE that the date for billing negotiations has been postponed by GTE from next week until May 10. As we discussed this afternoon, it is unacceptable to AT&T to postpone these important negotiations beyond the agreed-upon time frames. Additionally, I stated that I have not been advised by GTE of the date for the interconnection meeting.

I appreciate your addressing these matters and look forward to your call on Monday advising me of the availability of the GTE teams to meet, as planned, with AT&T next week. It is our hope that we make good progress in these negotiating sessions.


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