

January 5, 2007

Mr. Ken Raschke
231 Pinetuck Lane
Winston-Salem, NC 27104

Dear Ken:

As the head of Human Resources for Alcatel-Lucent in North America, I am responding on behalf of Cindy Christy to your letter dated December 21, 2006. In the new Alcatel-Lucent, we operate within a regional model. As a result, communications with our US based retirees will be primarily managed by the North America region.

I appreciate your comment about improving the communications describing age 65 conversion rights for supplemental life insurance, and will pass on your suggestion to the appropriate people in our benefits administration group.

While we thank you for your request, Cindy and I must decline a meeting at this time due to the LRO's active support of ongoing litigation involving retiree benefits. Please be assured that we will continue to communicate with all our retirees with any benefit updates and other items of interest to our alumni community.

Sincerely,



Patrick J. Vogeler
Vice President, Human Resources
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