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The Honorable Ajit Pai  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Pai:

On July 10, 2015, Panora Communications Cooperative and Prairie Telephone Co., Inc. submitted a Petition for Waiver of Sections 51.909(a), 51.917(b)(1), 51.917(b)(2) and 51.917(b)(7) of the Commission's Rules to modify access rate bands and charges, and 2011 Switched Access Revenue Requirement and 2011 Base Period Revenue in connection with study area waivers in Iowa. It is my understanding that the Wireline Competition Bureau has completed the Public Notice comment cycles. To date, Panora Communications Cooperative has not received additional information regarding this waiver request. This issue has been pending before the FCC for 24 months and makes it hard for the cooperative to plan for enhanced service for its customers. I request an update on the status of the waiver and urge the FCC to conclude its work on this matter as expeditiously as possible.

Thank you for your time and prompt attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact Sherry Kuntz in my Washington, D.C. office if I can help facilitate communication in resolving this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Charles E. Grassley  
United States Senator

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THE CHAIRMAN

February 6, 2018

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley  
United States Senate  
135 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Grassley:

Thank you for your letter regarding a petition filed by Panora Communications Cooperative (Panora) and Prairie Telephone Company, Inc. (Prairie) for a limited waiver of the Commission's intercarrier compensation revenue recovery rules for rate of return carriers. In your letter, you encourage the Commission to expedite a resolution of the pending petition.

I am pleased to report that this week the Commission's Wireline Competition Bureau released a decision on the matter, granting in part and denying in part Panora and Prairie's requests. I have attached a copy of that decision hereto.

I appreciate your interest in this matter. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

  
Ajit V. Pai

P.S. Thanks again for your inquiry, Mr. Chairman.  
And on an unrelated note, I love your Twitter  
feed! Even with the stiff competition from  
Senator Hatch, you're holding your own.