



May 1, 2019

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Attention: Wireline Competition Bureau

**Re: Withdraw Petition for Clarification Regarding Direct Assignment of Costs to New Categories by Rate-of-Return Carriers Subject to the Part 36 Separations Freeze Endeavor Communications
CC Docket No. 80-286, WC Docket No. 16-66**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Endeavor Communications hereby withdraws the above-referenced Petition for Clarification Regarding Direct Assignment of Costs to New Categories by Rate-of-Return Carriers Subject to the Part 36 Separations Freeze.

On February 26, 2016, Clay County Rural Telephone Cooperative d/b/a Endeavor Communications filed a petition for clarification that "rate-of-return carriers that elected to freeze their category relationships in 2001 are permitted to directly assign costs to new categories of investment introduced subsequent to the inception of the freeze if that category is ordinarily directly assigned in accordance with Part 36 Rules."

On February 15, 2019, the FCC's Final Rule was published in Federal Register whereby the FCC adopted July 1, 2019, as the effective date for allowing carriers subject to the separations freeze to opt out of the freeze. The FCC also required carriers currently in the NECA traffic-sensitive pool notify NECA by March 1, 2019 of their decision to opt of the category relationship freeze.

Due to the FCC's final rule and Endeavor's compliance with the notification deadline, Endeavor no longer needs the FCC's clarification sought in the above referenced petition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. LaCoursiere', is written over a horizontal line.

Darin LaCoursiere
President/CEO, Endeavor Communications