

EX PARTE OR LATE FILED

Dockets
222

~~DOCKET FILE COPY DUPLICATE~~

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20554

OCT 12 1993

RECEIVED

DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL

IN REPLY REFER TO:

OCT 13 1993

CN9303917

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

93-253

Honorable Richard G. Lugar
United States Senate
306 Hart Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20510-1401

Dear Senator Lugar:

This is in response to your letter of September 23, 1993, addressing the 2 GHz Personal Communications Services (PCS) proceeding, GEN Docket No. 90-314. Your constituent, Leroy Corya, expresses support for a PCS licensing structure that permits participation by small and rural telephone systems.

On September 23, 1993, the Commission adopted final rules in GEN Docket No. 90-314, allocating 120 megahertz of spectrum for licensed PCS. The Commission decided to adopt Basic Trading Areas (BTAs) and Major Trading Areas (MTAs) for service areas; 60 megahertz of spectrum were allocated for BTAs and 60 megahertz for MTAs. There are 492 BTAs and 51 MTAs for licensing purposes. The Commission concluded that BTAs are representative of likely PCS markets in which local communications will take place, and that MTAs will provide the economies of scale and scope necessary to promote development of low cost PCS equipment. In a companion Notice of Proposed Rule Making in PP Docket No. 93-253, the Commission proposed licensing preferences in 30 megahertz of the BTA spectrum for rural telephone companies, small businesses, and businesses owned by minorities and women.

The Commission's action is designed to ensure the expeditious provision of PCS in both urban and rural areas. I am attaching the press releases of GEN Docket No. 90-314 and PP Docket No. 93-253 that more fully describe the Commission's actions.

Sincerely,



Thomas P. Stanley
Chief Engineer

Enclosures

RICHARD G. LUGAR
INDIANA

SH 306 SENATE OFFICE BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510
202-224-4814

OET
90-314

COMMITTEES:
FOREIGN RELATIONS
AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION AND FORESTRY
RANKING MEMBER
SELECT COMMITTEE
ON INTELLIGENCE
JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE
ORGANIZATION OF CONGRESS

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

September 23, 1993

3911

Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street
Attn: Congressional Affairs
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Sir/Madam:

Because of the desire of this office to be responsive to all inquiries and communications, your consideration of the attached is requested.

Your findings and views, in duplicate form, along with the return of the enclosure, will be greatly appreciated. Please direct your reply to the attention of Darlee Williams of my Washington office.

Thank you for your thoughtful attention.

Sincerely,



Richard G. Lugar
United States Senator

RGL/dwl
Enclosure

Southeastern Indiana Rural Telephone Co-Op., Inc.

September 2, 1993

Senator Richard Lugar
306 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

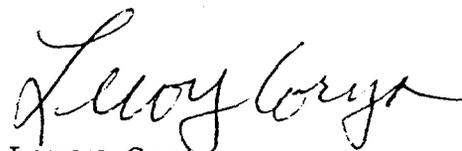
Dear Senator Lugar,

I am writing to ask you to contact Federal Communications Commission Chairman James H. Quello and Commissioners Andrew C. Barrett and Ervin S. Duggan strongly encouraging them to fully achieve the objectives of the recently-passed budget reconciliation law by ensuring that small and rural telephone systems are able to provide new services, such as PCS, under an auction regime.

The budget reconciliation law requires the FCC to ensure new technologies are rapidly deployed in rural areas. It also requires that licenses be distributed to a wide variety of applicants, including rural telephone companies.

Small and rural telephone systems are best situated to assure new services and technologies reach rural subscribers. They have a proven track record of delivering state-of-the-art technologies to their subscribers in rural America. Please urge the FCC to ensure that we can continue to do so.

Sincerely,



Leroy Corya
General Manager

LC:jpk

P.O. Box 7 — U.S. 50 West
Dillsboro, IN 47018-0007
(812) 667-5100 • (812) 744-5100 • (812) 873-6169
Fax (812) 667-4700