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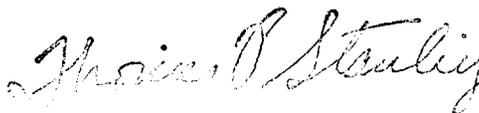
Dear Congressman McCrery:

This is in response to your letter of September 24, 1993, addressing the 2 GHz Personal Communications Services (PCS) proceeding, GEN Docket No. 90-314. You and your constituent, Richard Gill, express support for a PCS licensing structure that permits participation by small and rural telephone companies.

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

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Mr. James H. Quello
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Dear Mr. Quello:

Recently, I received the enclosed letter from the Camp-
Pleasant Hill Telephone Company requesting my support for allowing
small rural telephone companies to fully participate in providing new
telephone services such as PCS.

I am writing to indicate my endorsement of this position. I am
hopeful you will take heed and include small companies in the
Commission's plans to revitalize the telecommunications services
market.

I agree with Mr. Gill's assessment of his company's ability to
provide these new services in rural areas. I have long maintained
that local companies such as his are well placed to understand and
serve the needs of rural subscribers.

I am cognizant of the difficult and complicated task which lies
before the Commission. Rest assured you will have my support in
this endeavor. I am confident you and your fellow commissioners
will do all you can to support the widest possible competition in
the provision of new telephone services.

Once again, Mr. Quello, thank you for your time and attention.
Please feel free to call on me whenever you feel I may be of
service.

Sincerely yours,

JIM McCRERY
Member of Congress

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Dear Representative:

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,



Richard Gill
President

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