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Chairman Tom Wheeler
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW,
Washington, DC 20554

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Dear Chairman Wheeler:

We recently read where the Commission may be considering a surcharge on telephone services to aid in wiring school classrooms for high-speed internet access. Our company will comply with whatever does or does not happen in this regard. However, please see the enclosed documents.

Our company serves the most rural portion of the entire state of North Carolina. Back in 1995 and 1996, our company and companies like ours made certain all of the classrooms in our territory, and even some outside of our territory were wired for high-speed internet access. The project was promoted as 'Net Day' and with that project our company purchased and donated the wire and connectors to make sure this project was a success. In addition, our employees donated their own personal time (myself included) on Saturdays to pull and terminate the wires in the schools. In short, we've done our jobs as they were supposed to be done.

Should the concern now be wi-fi access, our company can handle that as well, however we do not see the necessity or the urgency in putting another burden on the entire telephone consuming body because of the inactivity of some. Be that as it may, should the vote be positive in this regard, please make sure that all players are included and don't give another competitive advantage to those that have eroded traditional access lines. [Please include wired and wireless telephone service providers, as well as those that provide interconnected VOIP and the cable companies providing telephone-equivalent services.]

As the traditional legacy telephone networks are further threatened, a concern is that all forms of communication still depend on that legacy network, even the very Internet itself. Please take our concerns into consideration as further rules are considered governing our businesses.

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Thank you in advance for your consideration of our concerns and should you or the other Commissioners have questions or concerns, please contact me.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lyman M. Horne". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Lyman M. Horne, EVP & General Manager
Star TMC

Enclosures (2)

Xc w/encl.: Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
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File Memo on NetDay for STAR TELEPHONE

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Please call if additional information is needed.

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STAR TELEPHONE employees participating on NetDay

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We have provided CAT5 wiring and data jacks in several of the schools we initially wired on NetDay. We have provided extensive technical support over the past years in making additions to the original wiring layouts in several of the schools listed below.

Schools

Sampson County Locations

Midway High School
Midway Elementary School
Hobpton Middle School
Hargrove Elementary School

Bladen County Locations

Bladenboro Elementary School
Bladen Lakes Primary School

Cumberland County Schools

Beaver Dam Elementary

