



June 25, 2015

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

Re: GN Docket No. 13-5, Technology Transitions; GN Docket No. 12-353, AT&T Petition to Launch a Proceeding Concerning the TDM-to-IP Transition; WC Docket No. 05-25, Special Access for Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers.

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

I am Timothy Picou, IT Manager for Lower Umpqua Hospital District. Lower Umpqua Hospital District is dedicated to providing healthcare to Reedsport, Oregon and the surrounding area.

We have chosen a competitive carrier for our data services. They provide the individualized services and customer support we need. CoastCom has provided Internet service to Lower Umpqua Hospital District for several years. They have work with OCHIN (formally Oregon Health Network) to help monitor our connectivity and subsidize our costs. Their support has been available to this facility 24 hours a day; everyday.

The technology for healthcare is changing and our dependency on the Internet is more critical for patient care than ever before. Small rural areas like Reedsport depend upon local competitive services to ensure the healthcare of our community. CoastCom has proven to be responsive to our community's needs when previous vendors have not.

We commend the FCC's efforts to provide customers with more choices for broadband service. As technology transitions and more services move to IP based solutions, we encourage you to protect the wholesale access market. This will ensure that our ability to choose a competitive provider, based on factors including customer service and price, will remain intact.

By keeping the marketplace open for more competition, the FCC will help ensure that businesses like ours have the power to choose the broadband provider that is the best fit for our needs and growth.

Sincerely,

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