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RE: CC Docket No. 91-141, Local Competition Survey, FCC-IA D File No. 98-102

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas  
Secretary, Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, NW  
Suite 222  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Secretary Salas:

We apologize for the tardy response. We just received a copy of the Federal Register Notice yesterday.

Virtual Hipster Corporation is a Certified Local Exchange Carrier (CLEC), having been certified by the State of Nevada Public Service Commission in December, 1997.

Some thoughts are offered regarding the issue:

1. An initial and periodic survey is not only beneficial it should be required to track ILEC resistance. Case in point is we were granted CLEC status although one of the ILEC's we are dealing with (Churchill County Telephone, Fallon, NV) is the only county owned telephone company in the continental United States. As such they argue that the Nevada PSC has no regulatory authority over them, but that they are regulated by the local county commissioners. This attitude had presented significant delays in establishing a competitive market in their service area. A FCC survey could identify this issue.

2. Require the state PSC to identify all CLEC's to the FCC so the FCC could sent a survey. Or request the state PSC to sent the FCC survey to the CLEC's with a response to the FCC.

3. The survey should also address CLEC difficulty with ILEC cooperation, not just the number of subscribers, lines, unbundled loops, unbundled switch ports, etc. Without ILEC cooperation, competition is slow to non-existent except where 'big' money is supporting the CLEC.

4. Yes, the ILEC should be required to file a detailed local competition survey to identify all competitive inquires/applications, the status thereof, and ILEC perceived reasons for identified delays to competition. I'm sure the ILEC, in their response, will always have the best competitive interest.

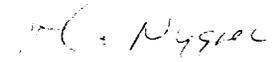
5. If you limit your survey to only ILEC response you will have an extremely biased and probably quite unreliable and invalid result.

Additional comments. For the paperwork reduction act, FCC needs to get on the e-mail response receipt. Also, for the paperwork reduction I am sending only this original. FCC can make additional copies for distribution to those requiring it. Keep in mind e-mail capability would solve this issue.

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Although, we at times are frustrated with the delays available to ILEC's, especially the one with some alleged jurisdictional freedoms, we do applaud the FCC for their interest in telecommunications competition and we trust are comments will be received and noted for the record.

Sincerely,



 Shad L. Nygren  
President