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Re: Western Wireless Corp. Petition for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier for the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota;
Western Wireless Corp. Petition for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier and for Related Waivers To Provide Universal Service To Crow Reservation, Montana;
CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Salas:

On behalf of Western Wireless Corp. ("Western Wireless"), I am writing to notify you of an *ex parte* presentation yesterday afternoon regarding the proceedings referred to above, to Katherine Schroder, Chief, Accounting Policy Division, Common Carrier Bureau, and Richard Smith and Bryan Clopton of the Accounting Policy Division. Participants in this presentation on behalf of Western Wireless included Mark Rubin, Executive Director, Federal Affairs, Western Wireless, and Michele Farquhar and the undersigned of Hogan & Hartson L.L.P., counsel to Western Wireless.

The meeting covered matters addressed in previous Western Wireless filings in this docket. We also showed a 4-minute video presentation. A copy of the videotape will be submitted into the record under separate cover.

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If you have any questions, please contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Sieradzki". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'D' and 'S'.

David L. Sieradzki

Counsel for Western Wireless Corp.

cc: Katherine Schroder
Richard Smith
Bryan Clopton