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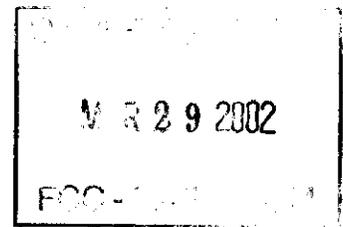
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RE: File No. NSK-L-01-159
CC Docket No.: 96-98

Dear Ms. Salas:

In accordance with the Public Notice dated January 10, 2002, enclosed please find an original and four copies of a letter in support of the area code change request filed on behalf of the residents of Roscoe, Sullivan County, New York. As directed, two copies of this letter are being mailed to Carmell Weathers.

If you require anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cheryl A. McCausland".

Cheryl A. McCausland
Deputy County Attorney

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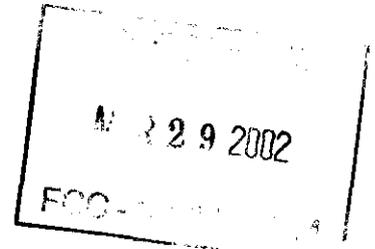
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Dear Ms. Salas:

I am writing on behalf of the People of Sullivan County to express support for the area code change request first made on behalf of the residents of the Hamlet of Roscoe over five years ago. Roscoe remains the sole municipality within Sullivan County that is serviced by area code (607), while the others are serviced by area code (845). For years, Roscoe telephone customers have sought recognition in their quest to be incorporated into the entirety of Sullivan County. The distinction in area codes has had a negative impact on Roscoe businesses.

In 1999, Congressman Maurice Hinchey came to the County Government Center to express his support for the inclusion of Roscoe into the area code servicing the remainder of the County. This Legislature authorized the use of County staff to explore all possibilities in this regard. A Committee was formed consisting of Julie Allen, as representative of the offices of Congressman Hinchey and Assemblyman Jacob Gunther, Patricia Pomeroy, Supervisor of the Town of Rockland, Miriam Stone, President of the Roscoe-Rockland Chamber of Commerce, Jacquie Leventoff, President and CEO of the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce, and Cheryl A. McCausland, our Deputy County Attorney. The Committee gathered sufficient data to submit a formal application for the area code change to the New York State Department of Public Service in May 2000. Since that time Ms. McCausland has pursued the area code change before the Department. We have remained hopeful that the application would be processed and that our County would be serviced by one area code.

Sullivan County is located approximately 90 miles northwest of Manhattan. The County's Chamber of Commerce, Partnership for Economic Development, and Industrial Development Agency have worked diligently to assist our local businesses. Over the past several years, the County's representatives have worked collectively to ensure economic success, enhancement of the quality of life, education, and spirit of our homeowners and resident businesses. Since September 11, 2001, our resources have been strained. The incorporation of the Roscoe area code into the remainder of Sullivan County will help poise the County for success in this very difficult economic time.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Very truly yours,



Raymond N. Pomeroy II
Chairman

- c: Ms. Carmell Weathers, Federal Communications Commission
Hon. Charles Schumer, United States Senator
Hon. Hillary Clinton, United States Senator
Hon. Maurice Hinchey, Congressman, 26th Congressional District
Hon. John J. Bonacic, Senator, 40th Senatorial District
Hon. Jacob E. Gunther III, Assemblyman, 98th Assembly District
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