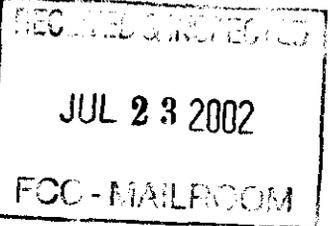


REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
OF
TELLER COUNTY



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Michael K. Powell, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

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Dear Chairman Powell,

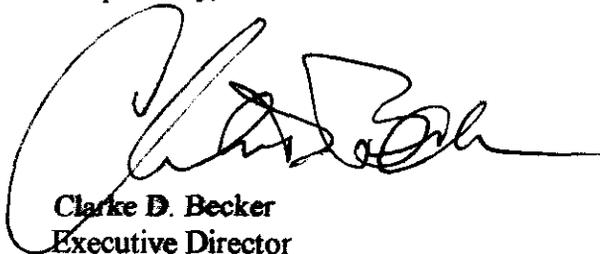
As the Executive Director the Regional Development Corporation of Teller County (RDCTC) and a Teller County Commissioner, I recognize first hand the importance of telecommunication to my community, residents and businesses alike. A significant part the RDCTC mission is to work to provide an environment conducive to doing business in Teller County. Opening up Colorado's telecommunication markets is an important aspect and component to assist us in attaining our mission.

It is my understanding that Qwest is applying to the FCC for permission to offer long distance service in Colorado. I would encourage the FCC to act promptly and positively on this request.

The citizens of Teller County are desirous and deserving of the best available choices in telecommunications. This service adds an important ingredient to enhancing the quality of life that we already enjoy. Teller County is a medium size Colorado county of just over 22,000 people. The demographics of our county and the generally rural characteristics of our county make a competitive communications system and options imperative.

We thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration of this opportunity.

Respectfully,



Clarke D. Becker
Executive Director