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Attn: Wireline Competition Bureau

Re: WC Docket No. 03-109  
DA 05-1869

Dear Madam Secretary:

We write to briefly respond to Reply Comments filed by the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association ("NTCA") in the above-referenced Docket on July 28, 2005.

NTCA points out that the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin has clarified that CMRS carriers are to follow the Lifeline verification procedures under the rules applicable to all other ETCs in the state. NTCA failed to note that the Wisconsin PSC advice was issued on July 14, 2005. In response to that advice, we recently withdrew waiver petitions filed on behalf of Wisconsin CMRS carriers.

NTCA speculates that petitioners were grossly misinformed or could not understand the Wisconsin PSC. The Wisconsin PSC's July 14 letter represents a reversal of clear advice previously provided to the Wisconsin CMRS carriers, which prompted their petition.

We are at a loss to understand NTCA's opposition to efforts to comply with FCC and state rules on universal service.

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Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please contact undersigned counsel directly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. LaFuria".

David A. LaFuria

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