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June 5, 2007

Kevin J. Martin, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
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RE: Universal Service Reform - WC Docket No. 05-337

Dear Chairman:

I understand that the FCC is considering placing a cap on the use of the Universal Service Fund (USF) for wireless service. I am contacting you to express my opposition to this unfair, arbitrary proposal. While such an approach may provide a "quick-fix" leading to the rapid elimination of fund growth, it would also result in a terrible disservice to rural consumers. Rural consumers want and need expanded and improved wireless services in rural areas for public safety, economic development, business and personal needs that are equally important to them as they are to urban consumers. This is one of the main benefits that rural consumers receive from the universal service fund, just as Congress envisioned when it initially established the fund. A wireless-only cap is clearly anti-competitive because it singles out wireless technology, which consumers are choosing more and more over landlines. We should be rewarding competition, not punishing it. What's more, rural Americans deserve the same access to telecom services that are available in the rest of the country—isn't that the purpose of the USF?

Consumers in rural parts of Arkansas are no longer content to have access to only traditional wireline telephone service. Consumers are clearly demanding access to the benefits of mobility that only wireless service provides. This mobility results in extremely important public safety benefits in rural areas. As rural consumers travel from home to work or school, wireless service provides a very valuable safety tool. Additionally, wireless service in rural areas provides consumers with access to broadband services where broadband services are not otherwise available. This is a very important factor as we seek to bring access to the information age throughout our very rural state. Without continued support for the expansion and upgrading of the rural wireless networks, consumers will

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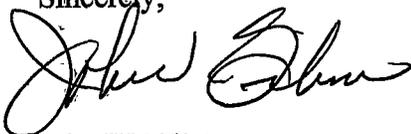
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I have witnessed firsthand the benefits provided by expanded wireless services in rural Arkansas, and I do not want to see those benefits diminished by inappropriate USF reform. Much of the expanded availability of wireless service in rural areas would not have occurred without the USF support provided to wireless ETCs who could not have economically extended their networks without such support.

Please consider what limiting the growth of wireless access will mean for rural America. Wireless technology plays an ever-increasing role in economic growth and is a critical instrument in emergency situations, but if the recommended cap is implemented, many communities may never realize these benefits. In a country that prides itself on equality, it seems hypocritical to restrict certain individuals' access to an essential tool simply because of their geographic location, especially when they have contributed for years to the USF along with everyone else.

I respectfully request that you carefully consider these facts as you seek to reform the existing fund. I ask you to find competitively neutral proposals to slow fund growth, ensure accountability for how these funds are used and promote the continued expansion and improvement of these much needed services in rural areas by targeting funds to high-cost areas rather than by targeting reforms to wireless providers. I urge you to vote against the proposed cap on universal service support for wireless service.

Sincerely,



John W. Gibson
County Administrator

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cc: Michael J. Copps, Commissioner
cc: Jonathan S. Adelstein, Commissioner
cc: Deborah Taylor Tate, Commissioner
cc: Robert M. McDowell, Commissioner



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May 30, 2007

The Honorable Kevin Martin
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Martin:

Volcano Telephone Company is a small ILEC serving customers in several rural counties in California. Our service territory is mostly low density mountainous areas primarily located in Amador county. Volcano urges the FCC to proceed quickly to adopt the May 1st Recommended Decision of the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service. The Recommended Decision clearly acknowledges that virtually all of the growth in the Universal Service Fund is occurring in the competitive eligible telecommunications carrier (CETC) portion of the Fund.

In contrast, the incumbent portion of the Fund has been flat or even declined over the last five years. Also, since 1993, caps have limited the amount of support available to rural, independent local exchange carriers.

The Joint Board has proposed an interim cap on the CETC portion of the Fund and has committed themselves to making a recommendation on long-term, comprehensive reform within six months.

This is a very reasonable approach. Please act quickly to support the Federal-State Joint Board Recommended Decision.

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Earl D. Bishop
Chief Financial Officer
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Ponderosa Telephone

Board Recommended Decision

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E. L. Silkwood
President

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Dear Chairman Martin:

The Nebraska Telecommunications Association (NTA) applauds the Federal-State Joint Board recommendation to limit payments to wireless carriers at the 2006 levels. Nebraska's telecommunications companies strongly urge the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to act quickly to support the Federal-State Joint Board recommendation.

The Joint Board's recent decision to impose an interim cap on the competitive eligible telecommunications carrier (CETC) fund recognizes the source of growth in the USF. Recent growth in the universal service fund can be attributed to unchecked growth in the amount of support for wireless providers. The FCC's own data indicates that CETC Universal Service Fund (USF) support payments have been growing at a rate of 101% per year since 2002. Clearly this is an unsustainable growth rate.

The problems that the universal service program faces are significant and the Joint Board recommendation should be quickly adopted. It makes sense to balance the need for service in rural areas with the reality of restraining unchecked growth in the fund. The data provided by the FCC shows that support for high-cost incumbent local exchange carriers has been flat or declining in recent years. Local exchange carriers have already been capped on their USF distributions. However competitive carriers are not similarly limited. It is clear that the growth in payments is due to the fund paying the competitive carriers and not the local land-line phone companies for whom the fund was originally intended to aid.

On behalf of Nebraska's telecommunications providers and our customers, we ask you to quickly decide to support of the Federal-State Joint Board's recommendation.

Sincerely,

Stan Rouse
 General Manager

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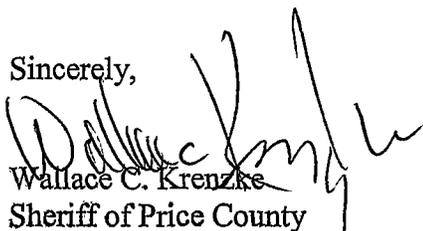
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