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Subject: GCI/AKD Transfer Application (File No. 0003258714)

Lest you think that I have been "Crying Wolf," attached is the latest e-mail I received from Dana Tindall of GCI concerning the high level of concern over the continuing delays in the processing of the GCI/AKD transfer of control application. Needless to say, the CEO of GCI shouldn't have to fly from Alaska to DC to meet with the Chairman in order to get action on an *uncontested* assignment application.

The application has been pending for over six months. We have offered repeatedly to meet with the Commission staff to determine if there are any questions we can answer or whether there is additional information we can provide, but to no avail. In the meantime, it now is costing GCI almost \$40,000 a month in leasing fees to gain limited access to a small portion of the critically needed spectrum when, in the company's view, the transfer of control should have been granted long ago. And, we see that the Verizon/Alltel transaction appears to be on a fast track since, despite the scope of the application, it was docketed and a pleading cycle established in record time. It simply wouldn't be fair for higher priority attention to be accorded to a recently filed transfer application while the GCI/AKD application languishes.

At this point, further general assurances that the staff "is working on the application" will not offer much solace. We ask that you give us a target date as to when the staff will have completed its review of the application and the related materials that have been filed so that we can receive an indication either that the application will be granted or that there is additional information that the Commission requires.

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We need to know that they will make this a priority right away. Events are moving quickly downhill and Ron Duncan is in my office multiple times a day asking when we will close. He is ready to go to DC and talk to Martin. Please let me know when you talk to Erin. Or if you get a commitment from Kathy to make this a priority.
