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August 26, 2009

Chairman Julius Genachowski  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Panora Communications Cooperative and Prairie Telephone Co., Inc.  
Application for Waiver of Part 36 Study Area Boundary Freeze  
CC Docket No. 96-45

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Dear Chairman Genachowski:

My constituent, Panora Communications Cooperative (PCC), is undertaking a substantial and ambitious project to upgrade its rural central Iowa exchange service area to provide fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) service to all of its approximately 1,900 customers. This project will enable the community of Panora and surrounding areas to enjoy the benefits of the state-of-the-art high-speed broadband services.

According to PCC, a critical element of their broadband upgrade involves the acquisition by PCC from its neighbor Prairie Telephone Co., Inc. (Prairie) a small 2.1 square mile, 34-customer area located in a private residential development on the north side of Lake Panorama. PCC believes it needs this area in order to construct redundant fiber routes that will improve the reliability of its broadband services. It will also be able to bring high-speed broadband service over FTTH facilities to the 34 customers in the area.

On July 15, 2009, PCC and Prairie applied for a study area waiver in order to transfer the 2.1-square mile area. The Commission issued a Public Notice regarding this waiver request on August 10, 2009 (DA 09-1780), and set a comment date for September 9, 2009 and a reply comment date for September 24, 2009.

I am writing to ask that you make a decision regarding PCC's request for a waiver as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



Steve King  
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

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OFFICE OF  
THE CHAIRMAN

The Honorable Steve King  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1131 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman King:

Thank you for your August 26, 2009 letter regarding a petition filed by Panora Communications Cooperative and Prairie Telephone Company, Inc. The companies request that the Commission waive the definition of "study area" to allow them to remove 35 access lines from Prairie's Iowa study area and include those access lines in Panora's Iowa study area.

The Commission received the petition on July 23, 2009, and, as you note in your letter, the Commission's Wireline Competition Bureau placed the petition on Public Notice for comment. The comment cycle closed on September 24, 2009. The Bureau will make every effort to conclude its review as quickly and equitably as possible.

I appreciate your interest in this important matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julius Genachowski", written over a long horizontal line.

Julius Genachowski  
Chairman