

December 28, 2009

Via ECFS

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Petition for Waiver of Sage Telecom, Inc. and Sage Telecom of Texas, L.P.*
(filed June 25, 2008) - WC Docket No. 06-122

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Sage Telecom, Inc. and Sage Telecom of Texas, L.P. (collectively, "Sage") respectfully request that the Commission act on its Petition for Waiver, filed June 25, 2008,¹ without further delay.

Sage is a small local exchange carrier serving predominately residential customers, many of them credit-challenged or from other communities that typically find it difficult to obtain telephone service. Although the amount of money at stake in the Petition is small relative to many universal service-related matters,² it is significant to a company of Sage's size. It is also significant to Sage in light of the very thin per-customer margins on which Sage operates.

The petition has been pending for approximately a year and a half, and is ripe for processing. As described in the Petition, grant of the petition is consistent with the Commission's rules and precedent and would serve the public interest.

¹ Petition for Waiver of Sage Telecom, Inc. and Sage Telecom of Texas, L.P., WC Docket No. 06-122 (filed June 25, 2008) (the "Petition"). See also *Comment Sought on Sage Telecom, Inc.'s and Sage Telecom of Texas, L.P.'s Request for Waiver of the Commission's Rules regarding the Universal Service Contribution Annual True-Up Process*, WC Docket No. 06-122, Public Notice, 23 FCC Rcd 10524 (2008).

² The amount in question is competitively sensitive, but was disclosed in the confidential version of the Petition on file with the Commission.

