



March 25, 2010

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Ex Parte Notice

In the Matter of a National Broadband Plan for Our Future, GN Docket No. 09-51

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Wednesday, March 24, 2010, Carol Matthey, Amy Bender and Katie King met with Delbert Wilson, General Manager, Hill Country Telephone Cooperative, Ingram, Texas, Amy Linzey, Assistant General Manager, South Plains Telephone Cooperative, Lubbock Texas, Kirk Petty, General Manager, and Jason Tole, Chief Financial Officer, Santa Rosa Telephone Cooperative, Vernon, Texas, and Tim Humpert, Coleman County Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Santa Anna, Texas, Ricky Martinez, Public Affairs Coordinator, Cap Rock Telephone Cooperative, Spur, Texas, Steve Singletary, Operations Manager, Taylor Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Merkel, Texas and I to discuss the National Broadband Plan.

We discussed the plan and the material contained in the enclosed presentation. The discussions were consistent with the enclosed presentation and NTCA's positions in previously filed comments in the above-referenced docket.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, a copy of this letter and enclosed document are being filed via ECFS with your office. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (703) 351-2016.

Sincerely,

/s/ Daniel Mitchell
Daniel Mitchell
Vice President
Legal and Industry

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Enclosure

cc: Carol Matthey, Amy Bender, and Katie King



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Background

- Founded in 1952
- Statewide organization advocating for rural communications service providers and their customers
- Represents 22 cooperatives and 16 small family-owned companies

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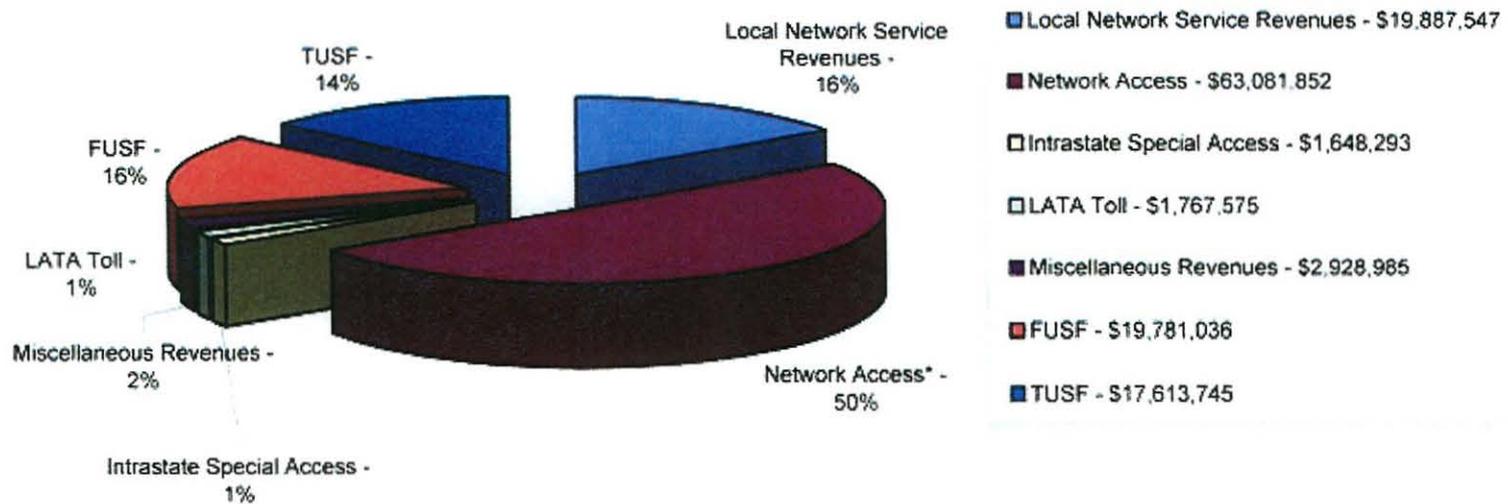
- Texas' rural economic future is tied directly to its advanced communications capability
- Ensure rural Texans receive advanced communications services comparable to the services available to urban consumers and at reasonable rates
- Community focused
 - Largest employer in communities although small business by most standards

Background

- Members serve less than 3% of Texas consumers, but over 1/3 of the geographic area
- Low customer density
 - 0.3 to 6 customers per square mile
- Advanced Infrastructure
 - Over 8,700 miles of fiber currently deployed; 31% increase planned by 2011
 - Company information

- TSTCI members are dependant three revenue streams:
 - Interstate/State Access Revenues
 - Federal/State Universal Service Revenues
 - Local Revenues
- “One size does not fit all” if small companies are to remain financially viable and provide advanced services

Texas' Small Companies Revenue Profile



Source: 2008 Earnings Monitoring Reports

Current State of the Small Companies

- Small companies pressured on several fronts
 - **access line erosion**
 - **steadily declining access minutes and revenues**
 - **potential changes to federal USF**
 - **deployment of high speed broadband to all customers**
 - **regulatory uncertainty**
- Must continue to upgrade their networks and provide high quality service under challenging conditions



Our Members

Alenco Communications

Big Bend Telephone Company

Brazos Telecommunications

Brazos Telephone Coop.

Cameron Telephone Company

Cap Rock Telephone Coop.

Central Texas Telephone Coop.

Coleman County Telephone Coop.

Colorado Valley Telephone Coop.

Community Telephone Company

Cumby Telephone Coop.

Dell Telephone Coop.

E.N.M.R. Telephone Coop.

Eastex Telephone Coop.

Electra Telephone Company

Etex Telephone Coop.

Five Area Telephone Coop.

Ganado Telephone Company

Hill Country Telephone Coop.

Industry Telephone Company

La Ward Telephone Exchange

Lake Livingston Telephone Co.

Lipan Telephone Company

Livingston Telephone Company

Mid-Plains Rural Telephone Coop.

Nortex Communications

Panhandle Telephone Coop.

Peoples Telephone Coop.

Poka Lambro Telephone Coop.

Riviera Telephone Company

Santa Rosa Telephone Coop.

South Plains Telephone Coop.

Tatum Telephone Company

Taylor Telephone Coop.

Wes-Tex Telephone Coop.

West Plains Telecommunications

West Texas Rural Telephone Coop.

XIT Rural Telephone Coop.



Questions?