



March 26, 2010

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

RE: Review of the Commission's Program Access rules and Examination of
Programming Tying Arrangements, MB Docket No. 07-198
In the Matter of Annual Assessment of the Status of Competition in the Market
for the Delivery of Video Programming, MB Docket No. 07-269

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On March 25, 2010 Eric Cramer of Wilkes Telecommunications, John Cole of CoBank, Patricia Stewart of Ironton Telephone Company, Holly Hudspeth of Yadkin Valley Telephone, R. Craig Smith of MGW Telephone, Carole M. Woodward of Eastern Rural Telecom Association, and Jerry L. Weikle of Weikle & Co. met with Robert H. Ratcliffe, Eloise Gore, and Mary Beth Murphy of the Media Bureau.

There was discussion about the discriminatory practices experienced by small rural companies offering video. This discrimination is present in retransmission consent issues and in program access issues. Instead of receiving volume discounts for program access, small rural companies receive volume penalties. There was also discussion about the unnecessary financial burdens imposed on customers because of the ESPN360 business model.

This letter is being filed in the above referenced dockets in accordance with Commission rules.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jerry L. Weikle

Jerry L. Weikle

cc: Robert H. Ratcliffe
Eloise Gore
Mary Beth Murphy