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Ms. Julie Veach
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Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, D.C. 20554

Mr. Jonathan Sallet
General Counsel
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
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Re: CC Docket No. 95-116; WC Docket No. 07-149; WC Docket No. 09-109

Dear Ms. Veach and Mr. Sallet:

I am writing on behalf of the members of **TEXALTEL** to express our concern about the ongoing selection of the local number portability administrator and the impact the selection could have on our member companies. **TEXALTEL** is composed of many competitive local exchange carriers in the state of Texas. Our members and providers primarily serve small and medium size businesses. These are the businesses that drive the U.S economy and any disruption in their service would have a negative impact.

We appreciate your recent communication to the NANC instructing that the issues of smaller providers be addressed at the conclusion of the process. Reassurance of the FCC's determination that the results of the selection is to be fair to all participants is very much appreciated.

We do wish, however, that your letter had asked for greater transparency during the selection process and that your letter opened a door for smaller providers to be aware of issues under consideration and to have a meaningful opportunity to present the very concerns and issues that your letter requires be addressed. A more open and meaningful dialog during this

very critical part of the selection process is an essential step to achieve the result that you have mandated.

As you know, smaller providers are an essential part of the telecommunications market place, where new ideas bubble up and, if proven successful in the market place, become staples in the product lines of both large and small providers. Changes in porting may affect smaller providers differently than large ones. And as you know, smaller providers are absent at the table where the selection process is ongoing. Living "in the dark" makes us extremely nervous, and while we expect that the NAPM participants will look after their own interests, the fact that they are not even communicating with us at the present gives us great pause for concern.

Before any recommendation on selection is made to the FCC, we request that there be an opportunity for representatives of smaller providers to review and comment upon any analysis that was done regarding the impact of this selection process on smaller carriers and their customers so that the final recommendation to the FCC includes an analysis of the suggestions made by smaller providers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles D. Land". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Charles D. Land, P.E.
Executive Director