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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON

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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley  
United States Senate  
135 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Grassley:

Thank you for your August 18, 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", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Julius Genachowski  
Chairman