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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON

November 16, 2009

The Honorable Tom Harkin
United States Senate
731 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Harkin:

Thank you for your 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".

Julius Genachowski
Chairman