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Julius Genachowski, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445-12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Panora Communications Cooperative and Prairie Telephone Co., Inc. Application for Waiver of Part 36 Study Area Boundary Freeze CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

Panora Communications Cooperative (PCC) is undertaking a project to upgrade its rural central Iowa exchange service area to provide fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) service to all of its approximately 1,900 customers.

A critical element of PCC's broadband upgrade involves the acquisition by PCC from its neighbor Prairie Telephone Co., Inc. (Prairie), a 2.1 square mile, 34-customer area located in a private residential development on the north side of Lake Panorama. PCC would utilize this area to construct redundant fiber routes that will improve the reliability of its broadband services. It will also be able to bring high-speed broadband service over FTTH facilities to the 34 customers in the area.

On July 15, 2009, PCC and Prairie applied for a study area waiver in order to transfer the 2.1-square mile area. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) issued a Public Notice regarding this waiver request on August 10, 2009 (DA 09-1780), and set a comment date for September 9, 2009, and a reply comment date for September 24, 2009.

Receipt of this study area waiver will enable PCC to proceed efficiently with its proposed FTTH upgrade. Any assistance you could provide to ensure its timely review and resolution so that PCC can have some certainty on this matter would be greatly appreciated.

I look forward to your timely response to this letter and appreciate your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Grassley  
United States Senator

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