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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Julius Genachowski Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, D.C. 20554

Re:

WC Docket No. 09-197

Petition of NTUA WIRELESS, LLC for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Pursuant to Section 214(e)(6) of the Communications Act of 1934, as Amended on the Navajo Nation

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

On March 3, 2011, NTUA Wireless, LLC (NTUA Wireless), an entity majority owned by the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority, a Navajo Nation enterprise, filed with the Federal Communications Commission an application for designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC). No entity submitted comments opposing NTUA Wireless' designation as an ETC. Further, the local regulator for the area to be served, the Navajo Nation Telecommunications Regulatory Commission, is supportive of NTUA Wireless' pending ETC application.

Receiving the ETC designation will enable NTUA Wireless to receive federal support and reduce customer costs for its telecommunication services. Receiving the ETC designation will help NTUA Wireless address under-served areas of the Navajo Nation, including areas within New Mexico. By aiding NTUA Wireless' efforts, the ETC designation can facilitate economic growth and development of other companies and industries in the Four-Corners area, which depend on modern telecommunications services.

For these reasons, I urge the Federal Communications Commission's expeditious approval of NTUA Wireless, LLC's pending ETC application.

Sincerely,

Ben Ray Luján Member of Congress (NM-03)