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Congress of the United States
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February 16, 2012

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

Re: MariTEL Northern Pacific, Inc.; Application for Renewal of License; Call Sign WPOJ532; File No. 0003836439 (filed May 12, 2009)

MariTEL Southern Pacific, Inc.; Application for Renewal of License; Call Sign WPOJ536; File No. 0003840247 (filed May 15, 2009)

PacifiCorp; Notification of Consummation of Assignment of License; Call Sign WPOJ532; File No. 0003920147 (filed August 3, 2009)

PacifiCorp; Notification of Consummation of Assignment of License; Call Sign WPOJ536; File No. 0003920150 (filed August 3, 2009)

MariTEL Northern Pacific, Inc. and PacifiCorp; Application for Assignment of License; Call Sign WPOJ532; File No. 0003941632 (filed August 24, 2009)

MariTEL Southern Pacific, Inc. and PacifiCorp; Application for Assignment of License, Call Sign WPOJ536; File No. 0003941633 (filed August 24, 2009)

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

On July 14, 2011, I inquired as to the status of the above-referenced applications filed by PacifiCorp and MariTEL, which have been pending since 2009. In your reply of September 1, 2011, you explained that the Commission's Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB) had deferred action on these applications because of a petition to deny that was filed against MariTEL's renewal applications in 2009 and because the Commission had initiated an enforcement hearing in early 2011 against another company, Maritime Communications/Land Mobile (MC/LM). You acknowledged that because prolonged deferral of these applications could cause hardship to these applicants the WTB staff was considering which, if any, of the

applications filed by these two companies could be processed. You further assured me that if the staff found that PacifiCorp's applications could be processed the staff would complete the action as quickly as possible.

I would appreciate knowing whether your staff has made any progress in the last five months in deciding whether they can process these applications, which have now been pending for nearly three years and which constitute an unacceptable risk to PacifiCorp, its customers, and the power grid in the western United States. PacifiCorp advised me that they requested a meeting to discuss these issues with the WTB staff and the other parties, consistent with the FCC's *ex parte* rules, but were turned down.

If it would be of any help, perhaps my staff could convene a meeting among the parties and the WTB to determine how these applications can be moved forward most expeditiously.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

Lee Terry
Vice Chair,
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