



FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

July 2, 2012

JULIUS GENACHOWSKI
CHAIRMAN

The Honorable John Cornyn
United States Senate
517 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Cornyn:

Thank you for your letter regarding Big Bend Telephone Company's petition for waiver. I appreciate your bringing this matter to my attention and have directed the Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau's Telecommunications Access Policy Division to respond. I am pleased to provide the enclosed letter addressing your concerns.

If you have any additional questions or need any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Julius Genachowski

Enclosure



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Washington, D.C. 20554

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The petition is actively under review by the Wireline Competition Bureau. I can assure you that the Bureau is making every effort to conclude its review as quickly and equitably as possible.

A copy of your letter is being entered into the record of the proceeding. Thank you for your interest in this important matter, and please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

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Trent B. Harkrader
Chief
Telecommunications Access Policy Division
Wireline Competition Bureau

cc: The Honorable Kay Bailey Hutchison



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