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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON

August 21, 2014

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
United States Senate
709 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Murkowski:

Thank you for your letter encouraging the Commission to take prompt action with respect to the Petition for Reconsideration¹ and Application for Review² filed by Adak Eagle Enterprises, LLC (AEE), and its affiliate, Windy City Cellular, LLC (WCC). Your views are very important and will be included in the record of this proceeding and considered as part of the Commission's review.

As you are aware, Adak Eagle Enterprises and Windy City Cellular filed a Petition for Reconsideration and Application for Review of the Wireline Competition Bureau's and Wireless Telecommunications Bureau's denial of AEE's and WCC's requests that the Commission waive its caps on universal service funding.³ I appreciate your concern about the time involved in processing the petition and application. The Commission seeks to resolve the petition expeditiously but also recognizes the need to have up-to-date information from AEE and WCC in order to make an informed decision about how best to allocate limited universal service funds. To that end, the Wireline Competition Bureau sent a letter on August 12, 2014, to Mr. Larry Mayes, AEE's and WCC's President and CEO, requesting more detailed information regarding, among other matters, corporate staffing, lease agreements, corporate operations expenses, affiliate transactions, and contracts for AEE's wireline operations. In the meantime, Commission staff have extended AEE's and WCC's current waiver, thus keeping in place the monthly universal service funding levels both have been receiving until we act on a more permanent solution. This extension will provide funding certainty for both companies in the interim.

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