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The Honorable Lamar Smith
U.S. House of Representatives
2409 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Smith:

Thank you for your letter regarding a petition filed by Guadalupe Valley Telephone Cooperative (GVTC) for a limited waiver of the Commission's intercarrier compensation revenue recovery rules for rate of return carriers. In your letter, you encourage the Commission to expedite a resolution of GVTC's petition and to give the waiver request full and fair consideration. Your views are very important and will be included in the record of the proceeding and considered as part of the Commission's review.

The Commission's Wireline Competition Bureau (WCB) released a Public Notice seeking comment on GVTC's petition, and the comment cycles on the matter have been completed. Commission staff is carefully reviewing the record in the proceeding. In addition, WCB staff has met with representatives of GVTC to further discuss their views on the waiver petition. I can assure you that we will take into consideration the issues and concerns presented by all stakeholders as the Commission makes every effort to conclude its review as quickly and equitably as possible.

I appreciate your interest in this matter. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tom Wheeler", written over a horizontal line.

Tom Wheeler