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# Congress of the United States

House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515-3603

March 17, 2015

Honorable Tom Wheeler Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW Washington, D. C. 20554

Re: CC Docket No. 80-286 – Petition of Pioneer Telephone Cooperative, Inc. for Waiver of 47 C.F.R. Sections 36.3; 36.123-126; 36.141; 36.152-157; 36.191 and 36.372-382 to

Unfreeze Part 36 Category Relationships

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

Roughly two years ago, on March 15, 2013, I wrote a letter to the Commission in support of the petition filed on March 22, 2013, by Pioneer Telephone Cooperative, Inc., (Pioneer). Granting of Pioneer's waiver would allow the Cooperative to more accurately assign its costs and investments to the proper jurisdiction. When filed in 2013, Pioneer's petition was also supported by the National Telephone Cooperative Association and USTelecom.

It is our understanding Pioneer's petition requests a waiver of an election it made pursuant to a 2001 Commission order which was to expire in 2006. However, 14 years later the Commission order has not expired and was recently extended for three more years. It is also our understanding the Commission has acted on two previously filed waiver requests.

In my May 15, 2013 letter, I encouraged the Commission to move forward in an expedited manner. Now, two years later, I am asking the Commission to look into this matter and advise me of the reason why Pioneer's petition has not been acted upon.

Sincerely,

I would appreciate your prompt attention to my request.

Frank D. Lucas

Member of Congress

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Alethea Lewis

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Thursday, March 19, 2015 4:54 PM

To:

Aurelle Porter

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From: Jim Balaguer < <u>Jim.Balaguer@fcc.gov</u>>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2015 4:24 PM

To: Alethea Lewis

Cc: Sara Morris; David Toomey; Andrew Woelfling; Lori Maarbjerg

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#### Please add to LMTS. Thanks.

From: Grassie, Jason [mailto:Jason.Grassie@mail.house.gov]

Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2015 4:15 PM

**To:** Jim Balaguer **Cc:** Lori Maarbjerg

Subject: Letter to Chairman Wheeler

Jim,

Please see the attached letter to Chairman Wheeler. A hard copy is in the mail as well.

Regards,

Jason

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