



FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON

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OFFICE OF
THE CHAIRMAN

The Honorable Yvette Clarke
U.S. House of Representatives
2058 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Clarke:

Thank you for your letter inquiring about the applications of SNR Wireless LicenseCo, LLC and Northstar Wireless, LLC (collectively, the "Applicants") that are pending before the Federal Communications Commission.

These applications involve an adjudicatory proceeding on remand from the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, and as such I am unable to discuss the specifics of the matter. I can assure you, however, that we are actively reviewing the Applicants' pending applications, along with the hundreds of pages of corporate organizational and financing agreements that were included as part of those applications and the various supporting and opposing comments that were filed with respect to those agreements by third parties, in order to determine whether the Applicants are now eligible for the small-business bidding credits for which they applied.

I share your goal of expanding opportunities for entry into the communications marketplace. The Commission's designated entity program was created to further the statutory directive to disseminate licenses among a wide variety of applicants. Administering this program fairly and transparently, thereby assuring that only *bona fide* small businesses are awarded such credits, is critical to fulfilling this statutory objective.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ajit V. Pai". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "A".

Ajit V. Pai