

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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Acting Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel
Federal Communications Commission
45 L Street NE
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairwoman Rosenworcel:

I write today in relation to a Request for Review of a Decision of the Universal Service Administrator, filed by Cross Telephone Company, a small incumbent local telephone company in rural Oklahoma. I understand that a 2018 Audit Report seeks to recover federal High Cost Program support from Cross Telephone based on a conclusion disallowing expenses incurred to obtain transport services to and from Cross Telephone's Warner, OK switch and long distance carrier Points of Presence in Tulsa.

Cross Telephone appealed the Audit Report to the FCC in September 2019. I understand that Cross Telephone has met with the FCC staff about the case, and answered their questions concerning the services at issue. FCC has not yet issued a decision in the case. I urge you to duly prioritize this appeal. Prompt action on this appeal will remove the uncertainty that the Audit Report has created regarding Cross Telephone's universal service funding. I hope that the Commission will act soon in response to Cross Telephone's appeal.

Sincerely,



Markwayne Mullin
Member of Congress