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The Honorable Frank D. Lucas  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2311 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Lucas:

Thank you for your letter supporting the petition of Pioneer Telephone Cooperative, Inc., (Pioneer) for a waiver of the Commission's freeze on Part 36 category relationships. Your views are very important and will be included in the record of the proceeding and considered as part of the Commission's review.

As you note, Pioneer's petition for waiver was placed on public notice and the comment cycles on the matter have been completed. The Commission's Wireline Competition Bureau (WCB) staff is carefully reviewing the record in the proceeding. In addition, WCB staff recently met with representatives of Pioneer and had a productive discussion about the carrier's waiver petition. Per that meeting, the carrier is in the process of obtaining additional information to support its petition, and further meetings to discuss such material are planned. 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 black ink, appearing to read "Tom Wheeler", written over a horizontal line.

Tom Wheeler