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The Honorable Jason Chaffetz  
Chairman  
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2157 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Chaffetz:

Thank you for your letter regarding a petition filed by Emery Telcom (Emery) for a limited waiver of the Commission's intercarrier compensation revenue recovery rules for rate of return carriers. 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, the Commission's Wireline Competition Bureau (WCB) released a Public Notice seeking comment on Emery's petition, and the comment cycles on the matter have been completed. Commission staff is carefully reviewing the record in the proceeding, including a letter Emery filed on February 4, 2016, which clarifies the facts underlying its petition. In addition, Commission staff has met with representatives of Emery to further discuss their views on the waiver petition. I appreciate your concerns on the length of time involved in the disposition of this matter, and 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".

Tom Wheeler