



August 2, 2010

Julius Genachowski
FCC Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington DC, 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I wanted to write you in regards to the National Broadband Plan (NBP), but first a little history about our company. Yucca Telecom is a rural ILEC serving 1,600 access lines in eastern New Mexico. Next year we will celebrate our 60th year in business. We provide advanced telecommunications and broadband services to our customers and they have come to rely upon our services. We have operated under the guidelines set before us and I believe we have done a good job of serving our customers.

While we admire the FCC's goal of providing support for broadband connections of 100 Mbps to 100 million US homes in ten years, we are wondering why the plan only called for support of 4 Mbps to the rural customer, especially when the technology is available now to provide the same. We would ask that the commission reconsider its goal in regards to the support of higher data rates for the rural customers.

Secondly, our company has relied upon the current support mechanisms to operate our company and provide these services. Moving to the Connect America Fund (CAF) does not allow for a method of transition in order for us to meet current loan obligations; obligations we incurred under the current system and with the belief and promise that we would continue to receive support from USF, ICC, High Cost support and the NECA pool. Although there may be a better way of funding, we ask that the commission consider a fair and equitable method for us to meet current debt requirements and provide advanced services to our customers.

We are compiling data now that will support our position and we are asking that you extend the time for comments so we can show you this data in the near future.

I appreciate the FCC's intention of expanding broadband connectivity to an underserved nation, but we ask that you give more consideration to the ILEC's situation. I thank you for your time and look forward to speaking with you in the near future.

Sincerely,

Scott Arnold
General Manager