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WTA Congratulates FCC Commissioner Mignon Clyburn

Helena, MT (January 2, 2013) – The Western Telecommunications Alliance (WTA) congratulates Commissioner Mignon Clyburn on her reconfirmation by the U.S. Senate to serve another five years on the Federal Communications Commission.

"We look forward to continuing to work with Commissioner Clyburn and her staff to ensure our member companies have the regulatory environment necessary to continue providing broadband to rural America," said Kelly Worthington, WTA's executive vice president.

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Western Telecommunications Alliance represents over 250 rural telecommunications companies providing quality voice, data and video services in rural areas in the 24 states west of the Mississippi River. On average, WTA member companies serve fewer than 3,000 access lines with fewer than 500 customers in each exchange. WTA's members serve some of the most rural and hard-to-serve communities in the country and are on the forefront of bringing 21st Century telecommunications services to rural America. For more information about WTA visit <u>www.w-t-a.org</u>.