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WTA Applauds FCC Action on Rural Call Completion

WASHINGTON, D.C. – (October 28, 2013) - WTA applauds today's action taken by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to address the problems caused by telephone calls not being completed in many rural areas of the country. This problem has existed for several years, and a rulemaking on this matter is long overdue.

“While we await the text of the Report and Order and Further Notice, we’re encouraged by what we’ve learned so far,” said Kelly Worthington, WTA’s Executive Vice President. “Having a phone call reach its intended party has been a basic standard of our communications network for decades. WTA is also grateful to the many Members of Congress who encouraged the FCC to act and for the persistent and top quality work of the National Exchange Carriers Association in documenting this abuse of the system,” said Worthington. “We stand ready to continue working with the FCC and Congress to ensure all calls get completed, regardless of where they are terminated.”

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