

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

February 24, 2020

The Honorable Ajit Pai
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Red River Communications Emergency Request for Expedited Treatment

Dear Chairman Pai:

We write regarding the emergency petition filed by Red River Communications (Red River) seeking an expedited waiver of the deadline to elect Alternative Connect America Model II (A-CAM II) support and requesting a revised A-CAM II offer. Red River filed the petition after its support was significantly reduced due to erroneous Form 477 data filed by an adjacent municipal incumbent local exchange carrier. We request that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Wireline Competition Bureau quickly review and respond to the petition. Thank you for your consideration of our request.

In its December 31, 2017 Form 477 filing, the City of Barnesville Municipal Telephone company inadvertently claimed to deliver fiber-to-the-home services for a significant portion of Red River Communication's study area, thus deeming the area ineligible for A-CAM II support. The City of Barnesville has since corrected this error in its December 31, 2017 filing, and current FCC data shows no competitive overlap by Red River or the City of Barnesville for these areas. Despite this correction, Red River's subsequent A-CAM II offer was significantly reduced by the amount of \$17,241,600 over ten years.

We are concerned that the lack of a formal mechanism for Red River to challenge the reporting error is denying the company meaningful recourse and jeopardizing the sustainability of broadband services to Red River's customers. It is the FCC's statutory duty to ensure that all Americans have access to robust and affordable advanced communications services in rural and urban areas alike. Therefore, we respectfully request the FCC review Red River's petition and use appropriate discretionary authority to resolve the issue in as expedient a manner as possible.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions, or should you need additional information.

Sincerely,



John Hoeven
U.S. Senator



Kevin Cramer
U.S. Senator



Kelly Armstrong
U.S. Congressman