

**Before The  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

In the Matter of	)	
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Petition by SBC (Nevada Bell) for	)	WC Docket No. 03-10
authority to provide inter-LATA services	)	
within the State of Nevada.	)	

**COMMENTS OF REC NETWORKS**

REC Networks ("REC") is a supporter of locally owned and diverse radio. REC currently operates two Internet only radio stations. REC also operates several websites including the original LPFM Channel Search Tool. REC Networks also represents the interests of those in rural areas, specifically those in our "area of interest", which includes the State of Nevada.

Over the past few years, REC has been following media issues in rural Nevada, especially those that impact the community of Pahrump.

When it comes to telecommunications services, Pahrump, a community served by SBC Nevada Bell ("Nevada Bell") has been short-changed in some ways. This is mainly due to the fact that Pahrump is one of the very few Nevada Bell exchanges located in the Las Vegas LATA (LATA 721) while a majority of Nevada Bell exchanges are in the Reno (720) LATA.

Because of this, the Nevada Bell offerings in the Las Vegas LATA have been extremely limited and services such as local toll and operator services are actually handled by Sprint (Central Telephone) of Las Vegas. The existing LATA boundary also results in the inability of Nevada Bell to provide services such as DSL in the Southern LATA because of the fact that just in Pahrump alone, there is not a subscriber base to establish a dedicated ATM cloud for the Southern LATA.

REC feels that if Nevada Bell is given authority to provide facilities-based inter-LATA services, communities such as Pahrump will be able to receive advanced services such as DSL without the LATA limitations.

Based on the reasons mentioned, REC supports Nevada Bell's application.

Respectfully submitted,

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