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NARUC's Statement on FCC's Decision on Intrastate Inmate Calling Rates
Agency Abandons Arguments That It Can Cap Rates

WASHINGTON—The Federal Communications Commission today filed a letter in response to the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners' appeal of the FCC's inmate calling order. NARUC challenged the FCC's ability to cap intrastate rates. According to the FCC's letter, the agency is abandoning that argument. In response to this decision, NARUC has issued the following statement:

"NARUC appealed this order because agencies should be required to adhere to the rule of law. Whatever the merits of the FCC's decision, the fact is, Congress simply did not give the agency authority to cap intrastate rates for these services. We appreciated the current FCC majority's original dissents earlier before the agency and we appreciate their actions here."

--NARUC President Robert F. Powelson of Pennsylvania

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