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Mr. Ross:

I am writing to you concerning your filing in TPUC Docket No. 18-00010. Based upon information in the *Joint Application For Approval Of Transfer of Control* ("Joint Application"), control of Loretto Telephone Company, Inc. (Loretto Telephone) and Loretto Communications Services, Inc. (Loretto LD) will be transferred to Skybest Holding Company, LLC (SkyBest). The transfer of control results from SkyBest purchasing 100% of the stock of LTC Holding Company, Inc. (LTC HoldCo). LTC HoldCo wholly-owns Loretto Telephone and Loretto LD.

Loretto Telephone notified the agency that it elected Market Regulation pursuant to a letter dated December 29, 2014 placed in Docket No. 14-00167. Loretto LD filed its notice that it elected Market Regulation on January 31, 2018 in Docket No. 18-00015. T.C.A. § 65-5-109(n) provides a description of the regulatory requirements that apply to companies that elect Market Regulation. The transfer of control described in the Notice is governed by T.C.A. 65-4-113 which is not a regulatory requirement that applies to companies that have elected Market Regulation. As such, the transfer of control described in the *Joint Application* does not require approval. Given that no approval of the transaction described in *Joint Application* is required, this docket will be closed.

If you have any questions concerning this matter feel free to call me at 615-770-6894.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jerry Kettles".

Jerry Kettles
Director, Economic Analysis