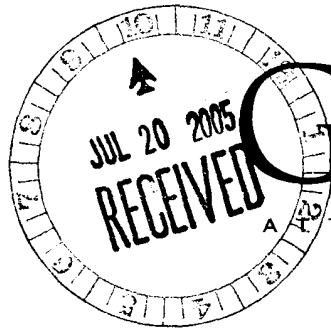


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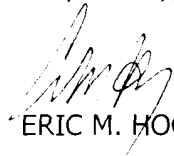
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Dear Secretary Williams:

In a decision served April 22, 2005, the Board extended the NITU negotiating period in this proceeding for Cameron County for 90 days until July 22, 2005, and the NITU negotiating period for Elk County for 180 days until October 20, 2005.

Applicant is continuing to negotiate with the Counties. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the NITU negotiating period for Cameron County be extended until October 20, 2005, to coincide with the Elk County negotiating period. The solicitor of Cameron County concurs with this request.

Respectfully,


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cc (via email):
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