

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20554

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Stephen F. Sewell
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Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Mr. Sewell:

I was hoping you would not retire on my shift as Interim Chairman. What a loss to the FCC, to me and to the public you have served with dedication and distinction. On behalf of the Commissioners and myself, I congratulate you on your outstanding performance during your years of government service.

You are a "public servant" in the truest sense, always willing to help your colleagues as well as the public and the outside bar. Regardless of the assignment or the complex nature of the problem, you have addressed every task in a professional manner, considering all as just part of your job. Although your Bureau has sought to nominate you for numerous awards acknowledging your exceptional abilities and dedication, you have steadfastly refused such public recognition, questioning why you should receive an award for doing what your job compels. Now, finally on your retirement day, we can say thank you in a public way for all that you have done for your country. We will miss your experienced judgments, your skill and your graciousness.

You have been described as a teacher, an expediter, and a compromiser with impeccable judgement. Also, you have been described as a Renaissance man with interests as varied as aviation to our nation's zoos. We are as likely to find you "burning the midnight oil" on another hostile takeover as attending an Audubon lecture or classical music performance at the Smithsonian. We know that you will have much to fill your days with so we send you off with affection.

Steve, you leave with my personal thanks for your distinguished service and my best wishes for health, happiness and continued fulfillment in the years ahead.

Yours with respect and admiration,


James H. Quello

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