

## **FCC Reiterates its Opposition to Rural ILEC's Access Charge Billing for Calls Placed to a Conference Bridge**

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In its new "Third Order on Reconsideration" in the long-running *Qwest Communications Corp. v. Farmers and Merchants Mutual Tel. Co.*, the FCC reiterated its November 2009 decision that Farmers violated sections 201(b) and 203(c) of the Communications Act by billing terminating access charges for calls placed by Qwest long distance customers to conference calling companies served by Farmers.

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