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VIA ECFS

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Notice of Ex Parte: *Improving Competitive Broadband Access to Multiple Tenant Environments*, Notice of Inquiry, GN Docket No. 17-142

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Thursday, June 8, 2017, Mike Hagg, CEO, and Brent Groome, Chief Executive Marketing, Economic and Strategic Initiative, of Horry Telephone Cooperative (“HTC”) along with Clare Liedquist and the undersigned, as counsel, met with Jay Schwarz, Wireline Advisor to Chairman Ajit Pai of the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC” or “Commission”).

During the meeting, HTC discussed the release of the above-captioned Notice of Inquiry. Mr. Groome and Mr. Hagg noted that originally, bulk-billing arrangements were utilized only for hotels and apartment buildings. Now, however, HTC has seen in Horry County, SC that its main competitor is using long term contracts with below market pricing combined with bulk-billing arrangements for single family communities as a means to stifle competition and to thwart the deployment of advanced broadband.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's Rules, we are filing this letter electronically in the above-captioned docket. Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. L. Herman, Jr.', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

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cc: Jay Schwarz (via e-mail)