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VIA ECFS

June 14, 2018

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: WC Docket No. 18-129
Notice of *Ex Parte*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On June 12, 2018, Ryan Boone of Mutual Telephone Company of Sioux Center, Iowa d/b/a Premier Communications (“Mutual”) and John Kuykendall of JSI (collectively the “Mutual Representatives”) met with Jodie May Donovan, Dennis Johnson and Gregory Kwan of the Wireline Competition Bureau (“Bureau Representatives”). On June 13, 2018, the Mutual Representatives and Bureau Representatives reconvened via conference call with Joseph Sorresso, also of the Wireline Competition Bureau. The meetings were held to discuss the Joint Application for Domestic Section 214 Transfer of Control filed April 30, 2018 by Mutual and Hospers Telephone Exchange, Inc. d/b/a HTC Communications (“Hospers”).¹

During the discussions, the Bureau Representatives, Mr. Sorresso and the Mutual Representatives discussed the applicability in this transaction of the condition that applies to “mixed support” transactions described in the *Hargray-ComSouth Order* due to Mutual’s subsidiary, Heartland Telecommunications Company of Iowa, receiving model support and Hospers receiving legacy support as an average schedule company.² The Mutual Representatives also urged expedited approval of the transaction.

¹ See *Domestic Section 214 Application for the Transfer of Control of Hospers Telephone Exchange, Inc. d/b/a HTC Communications to Mutual Telephone Company of Sioux Center, Iowa d/b/a Premier Communications*, WC Docket No. 18-129 (filed April 30, 2018); supplemented May 15, 2018.

² See *In the Matter of Joint Application of W. Mansfield Jennings Limited Partnership and Hargray Communications Group, Inc. for Consent to the Transfer of Control of ComSouth Corporation Pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934*, WC Docket No. 18-52, Memorandum Opinion and Order, FCC 18-62 (May 11, 2018) (the “*Hargray-ComSouth Order*”) at paras. 26-32.

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Please contact the undersigned with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Kuykendall". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" and last name "Kuykendall" clearly distinguishable.

John Kuykendall
Vice President

cc: Jodie May Donovan
Dennis Johnson
Gregory Kwan
Joseph Sorresso