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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Monopolies will control communication services and local providers as Sonic will be unfairly compromised.

Rates will go up.

If copper lines are removed more remote areas may not be able to access to fiber optics.

A grandfather clause should state Sonic be maintained to customers in remote areas and not have to seek other Internet Service Providers.

1. People will be forced to go with providers who do not care about Net neutrality, as Sonic does. This compromises national security. In times of emergency this is not a good idea.
2. In emergency situations it is more difficult for large monopolies to provide individual back-up power to the greater number of users. The small white boxes Sonic uses, can still plug in an analog phone. In a power outage fiber optics would not work without back-up generators. There are smaller uninterruptable power supply back-ups for individuals.
3. As a secondary, but related consequence, this monopolization will encourage 5G as people are forced to use more powerful towers and satellites to deliver to the increasing demands of customers. A monopoly will remove the attention smaller companies can provide to a local customer base. (A total conflict with the Sherman Anti-Trust Act laws of 1890, ignored today.)

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