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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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

Re: Notice of Ex Parte; *Petition to Prohibit Use of E-Rate Funds to Build Fiber Networks in Areas Where Fiber Networks Already Exist*
RM-11841; CC Docket No. 02-6; WC Docket No. 13-184

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Monday, June 17, 2019, Jennifer Otwell, General Manager of Totalcom Communications, LLC, Steven Steele, General Manager of Peoples Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Jamey Wigley, General Manager of Central Texas Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (collectively, the "Texas Petitioners"), and their counsel, Clare Liedquist (all via telephone) and the undersigned with Herman & Whiteaker, LLC, met with Gabriela Gross, Hayley Steffen, Bryan Boyle, Ryan Palmer, Kris Monteith, D'wana R. Terry and Stephanie Minnock of the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC" or "Commission") Wireline Competition Bureau. During the meeting, the parties discussed their Petition for Rulemaking filed in the above-captioned proceeding.¹ The Texas Petitioners also noted that the use of E-Rate funds to overbuild existing networks is not just happening in Texas, but is happening in other states as well. The Texas Petitioners urged the FCC to release a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking seeking comments on this issue as soon as possible.

¹ *Public Notice*, Wireline Competition Bureau Seeks Comments of Texas Carriers' Petition for Rulemaking of Central Texas Telephone Cooperative, Inc. *et al.*, RM-11841; CC Docket No. 02-6; WC Docket No. 13-184 (rel. May 30, 2019).

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,



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