

James Stavelly
205 N. Harold Stl
Fort Bragg CA 95437

Aug 11th 2018

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,

My wife and I depend on our landline, both for regular phone service and for our internet connection. And, our whole county requires the copper wire infrastructure of the physical telephone system in order to keep emergency services functioning during the frequent power outages we normally encounter, outages which are proving to be more frequent as our planet warms.

It would be a major mistake to allow AT&T to abandon the copper wire system which functions so crucially for us. We need to preserve the economic competition which our DSL service provides-- competition which keeps prices lower, and our emergency services in place. Do not forget that our telephone system is a public UTILITY, and that service to the public is more important than corporate profit.

Thank you.

James Stavelly