



August 14, 2018

Via ECFS

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

Re: Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 160(c) to Accelerate Investment in Broadband and Next-Generation Networks, WC Docket No. 18-141

Dear Ms. Dortch,

I am writing to you on behalf of Ironwood Commercial Builders Inc. We are a General Contractor based in Northern California doing work for the federal government as well as in the private sector. We are a Sonic customer, and we urge you not to grant USTelecom's petition.

We use Sonic for both voice and broadband in areas that ATT and Comcast can't or won't provide service in reasonable time frames or reliable service. We use the service for downloading complex plans and specifications as well as communication with clients from job sites. Data speed and reliability are critical in our work.

We went with Sonic after both Comcast and ATT could or would not provide service at our job site either in a reasonable time frame or at speeds that fulfilled our needs. Cost was a consideration but, in the end,, Sonic was a better value and the only provider that could meet our needs.

As our projects can be short or long term, the ability for a vendor to respond to our needs quickly and efficiently is critical. Neither ATT or Comcast has demonstrated that ability.

Please do not end the ability of providers like Sonic to offer an alternative to the incumbent providers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Bill West', is written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Bill West
Project Manager
Ironwood Commercial Builders, Inc.