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Secretary

Federal Communications Commission

445 Twelfth Street, SW

Washington, DC 20554

RE. NOTICE OF EX PARTE PRESENTATION

*Accelerating Wireline Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment*, WC Docket No. 17-84.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On August 22, 2017, Kevin Colwell, Vice President of Ultratec, Inc., had a telephone conversation with Susan Bahr of the Disability Rights Office, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, and Michele Berlove of the Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau.

Mr. Colwell discussed the operation of TTYs using fiber and VOIP telephone connections. Specifically, he explained that fiber generally is not a problem if a customer receives TDM-like, POTS-equivalent service via the fiber connection. However, using a TTY device over a VOIP service, whether carried on fiber or copper facilities, can result in garbled text. The TTY may perform inconsistently, sometimes working acceptably and other times seeming unusable.

This filing is made in accordance with Section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission’s rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2).

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Colwell

Vice President

Ultratec, Inc.