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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,

I write to you as a 57 y.o. disabled adult on a fixed income. Sonic (my internet carrier) has brought to my attention yet another egregious "power/profit grab" by ATT (US Telcom). They're trying to limit access to something they discarded... copper lines which now provide my service.

This from the company that attempted to own/provide EVERY phone service in America, and had to be involuntarily dissolved to prevent a monopoly on an essential life service.

This from a company that was so hated in the early days of the cell phone era (circa 2004-05) that they had to operate under the Cingular name to confuse consumers looking to get away from ATT Wireless and their 'crooked' pricing. This from the company (along with Comcast) that wanted to 'throttle' the Internet to give preferential treatment to the 'highest bidder'. In short, throughout its history, this company has gouged, defrauded and intimidated consumers in an attempt to dominate the market almost since its involuntary breakup in the 1980's. They're at it again...

I live in a rent controlled apartment and on a very modest income. Were it not for Sonic providing me affordable Internet and phone service (my TV, computer and phone run off my internet provider), my very lifeline to the outside world would, if not be severed, then be so cost prohibitive as to cut into my very subsistence level expenditures. ATT abandoned the old copper lines (which now provide my service) and now they want them back or keep others from using them? Is there no level of depravity they are not capable of? Why is the Dept. of Justice involved in almost EVERY SINGLE "business" decision this crooked profiteering, monopolizing juggernaut makes?

You, as a body (along with the DOJ), have made wise decisions before. You broke them up in the 80's... limited them time and time again in the 90's and 00's... Please don't allow this this 'power/profit grab' and allow competition to make basic life services affordable to us/we, the common masses. We Thank you.

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