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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,

We are nearing the completion of a locally owned open fiber network within our small rural city, population 425. This network was built on the premise that an open network would provide competition and help consumers by keeping the prices low. It also provides a much faster option than that provided by the telecom, CenturyLink, that currently serves the area. Reliable phone service is also being offered by the two ISPs that are ready to offer service.

Our residents are very much looking forward to fast reliable Internet and lower cost VoIP phone service before the end of the current calendar year. This system was made possible by partnerships between multiple government entities and local service providers. The State of Oregon, private investment, and local investment have all come together to make this happen.

In our very rural, some say "frontier" community, this endeavor is an amazing accomplishment. Our businesses have been plagued with slow service that often goes down, leaving them without the ability to even accept credit cards for payment. Internet operations that take seconds in large cities can literally take hours here. To hear that now the big phone companies, that are always extremely reluctant to improve service in our small city, are worried about keeping their monopolies, is ridiculous.

Please do not allow the big companies to dictate and control prices.

Sincerely,

Lynn Ewing