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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 one of Gorge Networks original customers. From the year they were founded, Gorge Net has provided us with internet, and later phone service at our business and our residence. We have operated a marketing and communications business here in Hood River for 30 years, and have depended on Gorge Net's internet service for over two decades. We've been able to count on consistent pricing and fast, responsive service.

We appreciate supporting a local company that employs people in the community, and offers us choices for service. We receive offers regularly from larger competitors offering bundles and specials, but we choose to stay the course, knowing that these offers are time limited. Living in a rural community like Hood River, it's important to have a local company responsive to our needs and budgets, willing to grow the broadband network at competitive prices.

Regards,

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