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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 live in the Columbia River Gorge where there is NO CELLULAR SERVICE, with only ONE Telephone provider which happens to not only be the WORST Telecommunications Company on the planet, but the WORST COMPANY on the planet PERIOD! There are over 500,000 active complaints on file against this company - in Washington State alone! So many in fact, that the political hacks in Olympia won't even accept new ones! This company is of course non other than the infamous CENTURYLINK. We were forced to be subscribers with CENTURYLINK for almost 18 years because of the fact that it is either CENTURYLINK, or two juice cans and a string! That is NO CHOICE! After 18 long, painful years of trying to deal with this inept organization, we just cut them off, which left us with NO 911 ACCESS, NO INTERNET ACCESS, NO WAY to communicate with the outside world! There is finally an alternate means of establishing communications services to our residences in this area, (where by the way several hundred people live) other than CENTURYLINK, and some SCREWBALL at the FCC is entertaining the thought of stifling our only other alternative to CENTURYLINK? What special kind of STUPID do you have to be to qualify for that job?

We are happy with the company we are with now, and so far our experience dealing with problem areas (the very few that have arisen) have been dealt with in a timely and satisfactory manner, something that NEVER happened with CENTURYLINK! CENTURYLINK is NOTHING MORE than a MONOPOLY here in the gorge, and taking away our only other choice for telephone and internet services here is nothing short of STUPID! IF IT AIN'T BROKE, DON'T FIX IT!

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