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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 am a resident of Hood River, Oregon, and have both my telephone service through a small company, Gorge Net, who have had the ability to rent the spare copper lines and fiber which enabled them to provide me with a competitively priced internet and phone connection. I previously lived in a nearby community where the major companies provided no internet service and Gorge Net was my only opportunity. They have given me reliable service since 1997 and I want that to continue at the price I can afford. Making the change that has been proposed would raise the price of my internet service to more than I can afford.

In order to get internet access through CenturyLink at a decent price, I would need to "bundle" with a Direct TV and that is not possible for me because of trees blocking the satellite.

I also believe that it is important to provide competition in all publicly used systems to prevent monopolies from taking advantage of consumers. That is why the Bell system was broken up in the first place. Please don't move backwards.

I hope you will deny CenturyLinks request and allow the smaller companies the opportunity to compete in the market.

Sincerely.,

Geraldine Beal