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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 value of having a choice regarding who you use for internet and telephone service. We are a Gorge Networks customer, and we urge you not to grant USTelecoms petition. There is already too little competitive choice for internet access and telecom service in our rural area, and if the petition is approved, independent local carriers across the country will lose access to critical network elements, and consumers could lose their choice of providers. Please do not end the ability of providers like Gorge Networks to offer an alternative to the incumbent providers.

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