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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 have been with Gorge Networks since they became a company and love their quick responsiveness to any issues I have had. Their rates are excellent compared to the national providers and give individual attend to their customers. We are not just a number.

I do not want nor can afford price increases in phone and Internet pricing because small individual companies will no longer be available. Prices always increase and service goes down when monopolies are allowed to form.

Broadband is critical to our rural areas in the mid-Columbia Gorge. It is necessary for life, jobs, non-profits and keeping family and friends in contact. I use my WiFi many hours a day to stay abreast in today's world.

I love my DSL where it is a flat rate. The speed is great and provides for my needs. We need our local broadband rural providers. We will not get our present service from big providers.

Gorge Networks has been my provider since the 1970's or '80's. Our people need to keep their rural jobs for our communities to continue to survive. We love our local service. They provide community hotspot internet one/community free so everyone regardless of income can have access to WiFi at the "hot spots."

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