



September 7, 2018

Ex Parte

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: Modernizing the FCC Form 477 Data Program
WC Docket No. 11-10**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On September 6, 2018, Lynn Follansbee and Mike Saperstein, USTelecom, Jeff Lanning, CenturyLink, Ola Oyefusi, AT&T and Ian Dillner, Verizon, met in person with Steve Rosenberg, Roger Woock and Ying Ke of the Wireline Competition Bureau to discuss possible methods for data reporting as the Commission considers reforms to its FCC Form 477. In addition to those present in person, Richard Rousselot, CenturyLink, Mike Lieberman, AT&T, Thomas Whitehead, Tim Loken and Bill Kreutz, Windstream, Barbara Galardo, Consolidated, as well as, John Emmett of the Wireline Competition Bureau participated by phone.

During the meeting, USTelecom and its members expressed support for the Commission's efforts to identify unserved areas through the collection and mapping of data from the existing Form 477 while at the same time discussed the challenges presented by various types of reporting methods. We encouraged the Commission to focus on alternatives that would avoid unnecessary administrative and financial burdens for broadband providers and for the Commission itself.

Please contact the undersigned should you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

USTELECOM

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "B. Lynn Follansbee".

By: _____
B. Lynn Follansbee
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cc: Steve Rosenberg
Roger Woock
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