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## VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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

**Re: Notice of Ex Parte; *Transforming the 2.5 GHz Band*, WT Docket No. 18-120**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Thursday, November 8, 2018, Jim Lyon, General Manager, and Jonathan Hills, Wireless Network Manager, of Mark Twain Communications Company (“Mark Twain”) and their counsel, Clare Liedquist and the undersigned with Herman & Whiteaker, LLC, held a teleconference with Rachael Bender, Wireless and International Advisor to Chairman Ajit Pai of the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC” or “Commission”). During the call, Mr. Lyon and Mr. Hills discussed the importance of the *Transforming the 2.5 GHz Band* proceeding for Mark Twain, as a small, rural provider.

Mr. Lyon described how Mark Twain is a small, rural telecommunications provider that serves northeast Missouri and currently holds EBS and BRS licenses. Mr. Hills described the success that Mark Twain has had with licensed 2.5 GHz spectrum. Mr. Hills and Mr. Lyon expressed support for the local priority windows and expressed support for more aggressive build out requirements in order to prevent spectrum warehousing.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's Rules, we are filing this letter electronically in the above-captioned docket. Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald L. Herman, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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cc: Rachael Bender (via email)