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VIA ECFS

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St. SW
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: *Ex parte* Presentation in WC Docket No. 18-156 of West Telecom Services, LLC, and
NTCA – The Rural Broadband Association**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

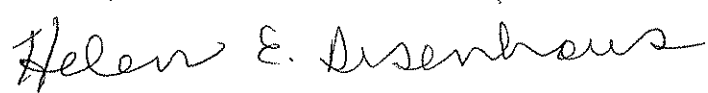
On November 8, 2018, Robert W. McCausland, VP, Regulatory and Government Affairs, West Telecom Services, LLC (“West Telecom”), and I as counsel to West Telecom, met with Ms. Nirali Patel, Wireline Advisor to Chairman Pai. As noted below, Michael R. Romano, Sr. Vice President of Industry Affairs and Business Development of NTCA – The Rural Broadband Association (“NTCA”), subsequently joined the meeting by telephone.

Following an introduction to West Telecom and some of its affiliates, Mr. McCausland noted his membership on the North American Numbering Council (“NANC”) and its Call Authentication Trust Anchor (“CATA”) Working Group and Number Administration Oversight Working Group (“NAOWG”), on the USTelecom Industry Traceback (“ITB”) Group, and on the Industry Robocall Strike Force. Mr. McCausland also reported West’s support of certain ZipDX efforts to help enable the industry to effectively prevent, detect, and address illicit automated calling, and of the status of West’s implementation of the STIR/SHAKEN framework. He expressed his appreciation for Chairman Pai’s support of the industry efforts to combat illegal spoofed scam robocalls, including the Chairman’s recent outreach to carriers to encourage them to participate in ITB efforts.

At this point, Michael Romano joined the meeting. For the major portion of the meeting, the parties discussed the positions of NTCA and West Telecom in the above-referenced docket, which addresses potential changes to the 8YY originating access charge regime. The NTCA and West representatives

noted that their positions were aligned, and their comments during the meeting were consistent with and reflected in the parties' independent filings in the proceeding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Helen E. Disenhaus".

Helen E. Disenhaus

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