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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**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On December 17, 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. Arielle Roth, Wireline Legal Advisor to Commissioner O’Rielly. 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 Numbering Administration Oversight Working Group (“NAOWG”), on the USTelecom Industry Traceback (“ITB”) Group, and on the Industry Robocall Strike Force. Mr. McCausland also reported on the status of West’s implementation of the STIR/SHAKEN framework and on West’s support of certain industry efforts, including that of USTelecom, to help enable the industry to effectively prevent, detect, and address illicit automated calling. Mr. McCausland expressed his appreciation for the Commission’s support of the industry efforts to combat illegal spoofed scam robocalls, including the recent outreach to carriers to encourage broader participation in ITB efforts.

The parties also discussed the positions of West Telecom in the above-referenced docket, which addresses potential changes to the 8YY originating access charge regime. The West representatives noted that their comments during the meeting were consistent with and reflected in the West filings in the proceeding.

Sincerely,

/s/ Helen E. Disenhaus

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