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**Via ECFS**

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street SW  
Room TW-A325  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: *Ex Parte* Communication  
WC Docket No. 12-375; Inmate Calling Services**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On February 12, 2015, Breanna Bock-Nielsen of the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) and the undersigned met with members of the Wireline Competition Bureau Pricing Policy Division (WCB PPD) to discuss the survey submitted by NSA of its members' cost to perform security and administrative functions necessary to allow inmate calling services (ICS) in jails.<sup>1</sup> Lynne Engledow, Pam Arluk, David Zesiger and Rhonda Lien of the WCB PPD participated in the meeting.

In the meeting, NSA discussed how the survey demonstrates that there are costs incurred by Sheriffs to allow inmate calling services and that Sheriffs should be allowed to recover those costs. NSA stated that the survey supports a different compensation amount for facilities based on Average Daily Population (ADP), with a higher compensation for facilities with lower ADP. The survey also supports a range of compensation amounts for facilities of similar ADP. Accordingly, NSA stated that it would be appropriate to adopt a range of compensation amounts for each size of jail based on ADP.

NSA also repeated its concern that a single compensation amount for all correctional facilities, or no compensation at all, will result in some facilities reducing or eliminating the availability of ICS in jails.

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<sup>1</sup> See *Comments of the National Sheriffs' Association*, WC Docket No. 12-375, filed January 12, 2015 at Exhibit A.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, a copy of this letter is being filed via ECFS. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mary J. Sisak

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