



MARK A. SCHOONOVER  
CHIEF DEPUTY

**JIM NEIL**  
SHERIFF  
HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO

JUSTICE CENTER  
ROOM 110  
1000 SYCAMORE STREET  
CINCINNATI, OHIO 45202-1336  
(513) 946-6400  
FAX: (513) 946-6402



Received & Inspected  
APR 27 2015  
FCC Mail Room

April 16, 2015

EX PARTE OR LATE FILED

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

RE: **Ex Parte Communication**  
**WC Docket No. 12-375; Inmate Calling Service**

DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office hereby files an ex parte communication in connection with the above-referenced proceeding. The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office supports the comments and reply comments filed by the National Sheriffs' Association in this proceeding. The purpose of this filing is to submit additional information specified to this office in support of NSA's position that Sheriff's must be allowed to recover their costs if ICS services are to continue to be widely available in jails.

Inmate calling is a discretionary service in our jail and it is allowed for the benefit of inmates and their families. If we are not permitted to recover the costs associated with the provision of ICS service, then we can and we may be forced to significantly limit or eliminate altogether access to inmate phones in our jail. Currently, we have the incentive to allow significant access to ICS service and inmates are able to make calls for 30 minutes per day. Denying payments to jails or restricting such payments to levels that do not at least cover our costs, will have the effect of reducing the incentive and ability to continue to allow ICS in this manner.

No. of Copies rec'd \_\_\_\_\_  
List ABCDE

**MAJOR MIKE HORTON**  
ENFORCEMENT DIVISION  
PHONE: 825-1500  
FAX: 595-8517

**MAJOR CHARMAINE MCGUFFEY**  
COURT SERVICES  
PHONE: 946-5320  
FAX: 946-5321

**MAJOR TOM CORBETT**  
SUPPORT SERVICES  
PHONE: 825-1500  
FAX: 595-8517

**CONNIE M. BERNARD**  
FISCAL OFFICER  
PHONE: 946-6407  
FAX: 946-6402

**KEITH L. CLEPPER**  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT  
OFFICE OF LABOR RELATIONS  
PHONE: 946-6400  
FAX: 946-6402

**JIM KNAPP**  
ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATOR  
CHIEF COMPLIANCE AUDITOR  
PHONE: 946-6400  
FAX: 946-6402

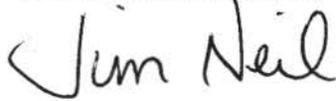
**MIKE ROBISON**  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT  
PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER  
PHONE: 946-6428  
FAX: 946-6616

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
April 16, 2015  
Page 2

Accordingly, Sheriffs incur significant costs in allowing ICS in jails and Sheriffs must be allowed to recover their costs to be able to continue to allow ICS and to encourage the deployment of ICS in jails.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Neil". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".

Jim Neil, Sheriff  
Hamilton County Sheriff's Office  
1000 Sycamore Street, Room 110  
Cincinnati, OH 45202

JN/kh