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

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Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Parke County Sheriff's Office hereby files an *ex parte* communication in connection with the above-referenced proceeding. The Parke County Sheriff's Office supports the comments and reply comments filed by the National Sheriffs' Association in this proceeding.¹ The purpose of this filing is to submit additional information specific to this office in support of NSA's position that Sheriffs 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 17 hours per day. Denying payments to jails or restricting such payments to levels that do not cover our costs will have the effect of reducing the incentive and ability to continue to allow ICS in this manner.

Our budget has not kept pace with our cost to operate in recent years and we anticipate further budget cuts this year. In addition to security and administrative functions that must be maintained, there are programs for inmates that we are required to maintain by law. If the cost of allowing ICS must compete with all other budget needs, it may not be funded. However, if the cost of allowing ICS has its own source of funding, it is less likely to be impacted by the budget process.

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 the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

Justin Cole
 Parke County Indiana Sheriff

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¹ See Reply Comments of the National Sheriffs' Association (Jan. 27, 2015); Comments of the National Sheriffs' Association (Jan. 12, 2015); Reply Comments of the National Sheriffs' Association (Jan. 13, 2014); Comments of the National Sheriffs' Association (Dec. 18, 2013); Letter to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary FCC, from Sheriff (ret) Aaron D. Kennard, Executive Director NSA, et al. (Oct. 30, 2013); Letter to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary FCC, from Sheriff Larry D. Amerson, President NSA (Mar. 25, 2013).

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**Re: Ex Parte Communication
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Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Platte County Sheriff's Office hereby files an *ex parte* communication in connection with the above-referenced proceeding. The Platte County 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 specific to this office in support of NSA's position that Sheriffs 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(s) 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(s). Currently, we have the incentive to allow significant access to ICS service and inmates are able to make calls fourteen hours 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.

Our budget has not kept pace with our cost to operate in recent years. In addition to security and administrative functions that must be maintained, there are programs for inmates that we are required to maintain by law. If the cost of allowing ICS must compete with all other budget needs, it may not be funded.

Accordingly, Sheriffs incur significant costs in allowing ICS in jails and Sheriffs must be

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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 the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark S. Owen', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mark S. Owen
Sheriff



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Re: Ex Parte Communication
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Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Marion County Sheriff's Office, Indiana, hereby files an ex parte communication in connection with the above-referenced proceeding. The Marion 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 specific to this office in support of NSA's position that Sheriffs 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 17 hours per day. Denying payments to jails or restricting such payments to levels that do not cover our costs will have the effect of reducing the incentive and ability to continue to allow ICS in this manner.

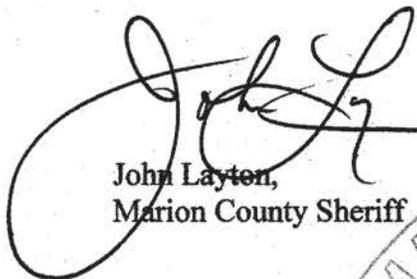
Our budget has not kept pace with our costs to operate. In addition to security and administrative functions that must be maintained, there are programs for inmates that we offer. If the cost of allowing ICS must compete with all other budget needs, it may not be funded. However, if the cost of allowing ICS has its own source of funding, it is less likely to be impacted by the budget process

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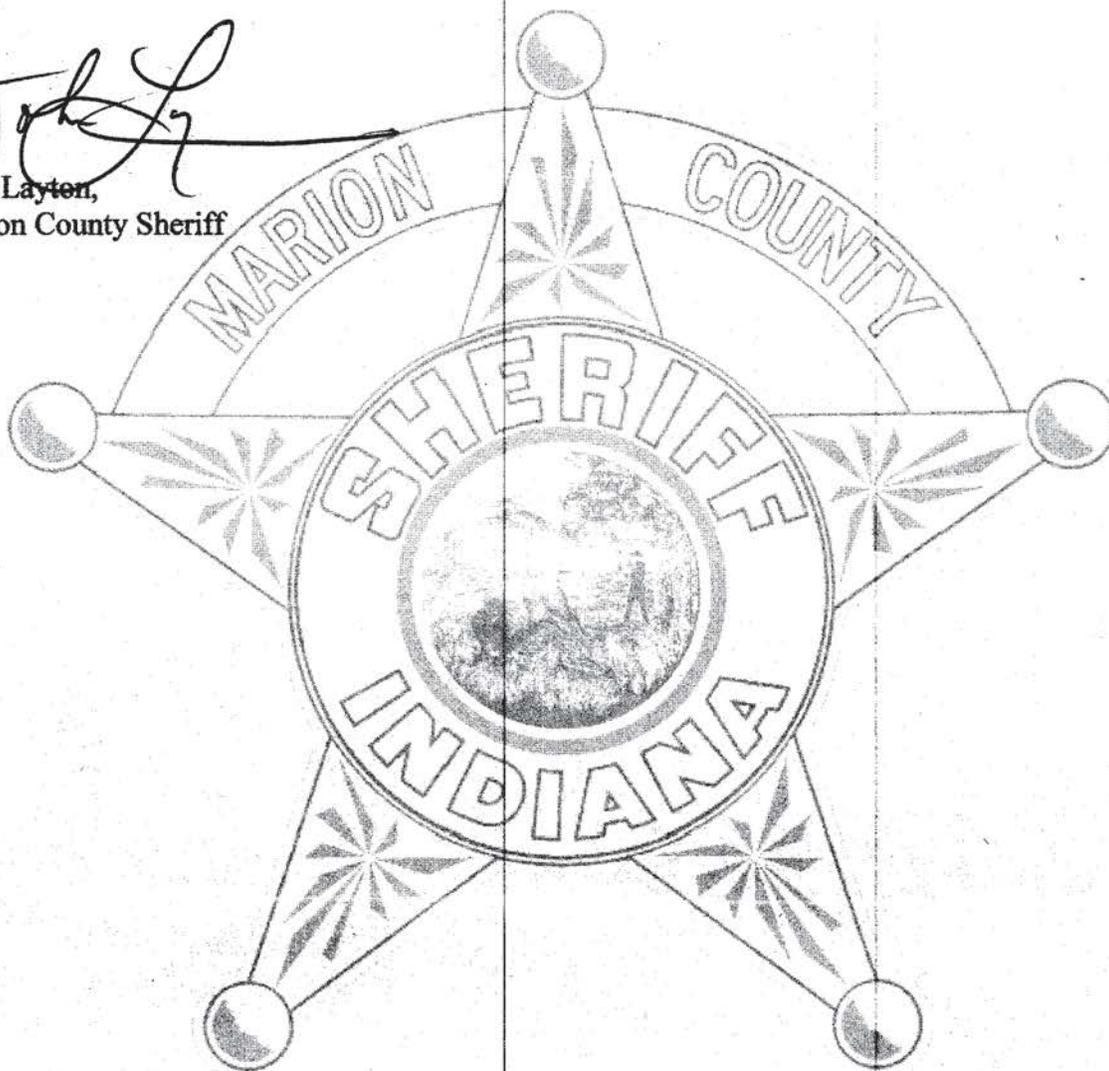
Accordingly, Sheriffs incur significant costs in allowing ICS in jails, and Sheriffs must be allowed to recover their costs to be able to continue to allow ICS and to encourage the deployment of ICS in jails.

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

Very truly yours,



John Layton,
Marion County Sheriff





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Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Clark County Sheriff's Office hereby files an *ex parte* communication in connection with the above-referenced proceeding. The Clark 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 specific to this office in support of NSA's position that Sheriffs 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 up to 14 hours 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.

Our budget has been cut in recent years and in addition to security and administrative functions that must be maintained, there are programs for inmates that we are required to maintain by law. If the cost of ICS must compete with all other budget needs, it may not be funded. However, if the cost of allowing ICS has its own source of funding, it is less likely to be impacted by the budget process.

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 the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck E. Atkins

Chuck E. Atkins
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Fairfax County Sheriff's Office
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Re: Ex Parte Communication
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Dear Ms. Dortch:

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

Inmate calling is not a discretionary service in the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. The service is a requirement, per the Code of Virginia 53.1-1.1. The annual cost of this state mandated service for the 22,682 inmates that passed through our jail in FY 2014, was @ \$777,285. These costs include deputy time training each inmate on how to use the phone system, fraud investigations, inmate to inmate crime analysis investigations, administrative compliance issues, escorts for maintenance, taping and listening to each phone call, Inmate Finance time spent on processing, solving technical issues, and reconciling over 512,000 phone calls a year, and Police Department investigations resulting from information derived from inmate phone calls. As of FY 2014, the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office recovers only 79% of the costs incurred to provide telephone service to the inmates of the Adult Detention Center. If we are not permitted to recover the costs associated with the provision of ICS service, we will be forced to significantly limit access to inmate phones in our jail.

As with other jurisdictions, the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office has had its budget cut each of the last six years. In addition to security and administrative functions that must be maintained, there are programs for inmates that are required by the State, as well as program/services required by local officials. If the cost of allowing ICS must compete with all other budget needs, these programs, along with personnel decisions, and needed Capital projects, will have to be reassessed, trimmed, and in some cases, eliminated altogether. However, if the cost of allowing ICS has its own source of funding, (even if it is not at 100%), the overall impact on the inmates would be much more positive.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Vanneman, Chief
Financial Services Branch

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Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Michigan Sheriffs' Association hereby files an *ex parte* communication in connection with the above-referenced proceeding. The Michigan Sheriffs' Association 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 specific to this Association in support of NSA's position that Sheriffs 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 jails and it is allowed for the benefit of inmates and their families. If the Sheriffs are not permitted to recover the costs associated with the provision of ICS service, then they may be forced to significantly limit or eliminate altogether access to inmate phones in their jails. Currently, they have the incentive to allow significant access to ICS service and inmates are able to make calls during predetermined hours per day. Denying payments to jails or restricting such payments to levels that do not at a minimum cover their costs, will have the effect of reducing the incentive and ability to continue to allow ICS in this manner.

Sheriffs' budgets have been cut in recent years and we anticipate further budget cuts this year. In addition to security and administrative functions that must be maintained, there are programs for inmates that Sheriffs are required to maintain by law. If the cost of allowing ICS must compete with all other budget needs, it may not be funded. However, if the cost of allowing ICS has

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its own source of funding, it is less likely to be impacted by the budget process.

Accordingly, Sheriffs often 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 the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Jungel", written over a large, stylized circular flourish.

Terrence L. Jungel
Executive Director
Michigan Sheriffs' Association

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