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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
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April 8, 2015

EX PARTE OR LATE FILED

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

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The DuPage County Sheriff's Office hereby files an *ex parte* communication in connection with the above-referenced proceeding. The DuPage 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(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 16 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 we anticipate further budget cuts this year. 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,

Sheriff John E. Zaruba

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

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Wyandotte County Sheriff's Office hereby files an ex parte communication in connection with the above referenced proceeding. The Wyandotte County Sheriff's Office supports the comments and reply comments filed by the National Sheriff's 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 at least 16 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

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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 me.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "DONALD ASH". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "D" and a prominent "A".

Donald Ash, Sheriff
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April 16, 2015

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

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The (Warren County) Sheriff's Office hereby files an *ex parte* communication in connection with the above-referenced proceeding. The (Warren 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 (19 hrs) 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 been cut in recent years) or (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

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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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. **[PLEASE NOTE—IF YOU ARE REQUIRED BY LAW TO REMIT ICS REVENUES INTO THE GENERAL FUND, YOU MAY NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE THIS ARGUMENT]**

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,



William H. Miller
Sheriff
Warren County