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Ex Parte

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

**Re: Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Under 47 U.S.C. § 160(c) from
Obsolete ILEC Regulatory Obligations that Inhibit Deployment of Next-
Generation Networks, WC Docket No. 14-192**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Tuesday, December 8, I met with Travis Litman, legal advisor to
Commissioner Rosenworcel to discuss the above captioned proceeding.

In the meeting, I explained the Commission should grant US Telecom's
petition for forbearance from outdated legacy rules and regulations. In particular,
consistent with Verizon's previous filings, I stressed the importance of forbearance
from the rule that requires ILECs who retire copper and replace it with fiber to
unbundle a 64 kbps voice-grade channel. That requirement today has outlived any
usefulness and imposes costs that threaten to impede ILECs from retiring copper.

Sincerely,

cc: Travis Litman