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December 9, 2015

Ex Parte

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

Re: USTelecom Petition for Forbearance from Certain Incumbent LEC Regulatory Obligations, WC Docket No. 14-192

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Tuesday, December 8, 2015, Walter McCormick, Lynn Follansbee and I met with Commissioner O'Rielly and his Legal Advisor Amy Bender concerning USTelecom's Petition for Forbearance. We discussed the drag that the legacy obligations identified in the petition impose on the ability of incumbent LECs to invest in new and upgraded broadband networks that consumers and businesses want. We explained that removing these obligations would allow incumbent LECs to better compete with cable and other networks and that this stronger competition would serve consumers and the public interest.

Pursuant to Commission rules, please include this ex parte letter in the above-identified proceeding.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Banks
Senior Vice President, Law & Policy

c: Amy Bender