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

Re: Ex Parte Communication

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On January 19, 2016, Wanda Tankersley, MTA Communications, LLC's ("MTAC") Chief Financial Officer, Sonja Nelson and I met with Carol Matthey, Alex Minard and Jesse Jachman from the Wireline Competition Bureau. We also met with Commissioner Pai's Legal Advisor Nicholas Degani later on January 19 and Commissioner Rosenworcel's Legal Advisor Travis Litman on January 20.

Our discussion focused on the Petition for Reconsideration filed by MTAC on December 15, 2015 and the Supplement filed on December 29, 2015.<sup>1</sup> MTAC explained the upload glitch that prevented the full ICLS tab on Form 525 from being received by USAC, even though the certification process appeared normal to MTAC. The investigation into the upload problem concluded when MTAC completed its Form 525 and certified it on December 28 (its first Form 525 after discovery and investigation of the problem).<sup>2</sup> MTAC urged the Bureau to reconsider its denial of the Waiver Petition filed on October 6, 2015. The withheld ICLS support of \$425,000 curtailed MTAC's ability to invest in its network and support the existing infrastructure.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, a copy of this letter is being filed via ECFS. If you have any questions or I may be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

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<sup>1</sup> MTAC filed a Motion for Leave to File Supplement on January 20, 2016. This Motion should have been filed with its Supplement on December 29, 2015 since it was filed one day beyond the 30 day window to supplement the Petition for Reconsideration.

<sup>2</sup> MTAC believed that the window to complete and certify its Form 525 was approximately two weeks before the due date. After discussions with USAC, a carrier may submit and certify line counts when they are available to the carrier.



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Sincerely,

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