November 15, 2013

EX PARTE

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

Re: Procedures for Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees, Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees, Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2013, Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2008, MD Docket Nos. 12-201, 13-58 and 08-65

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Wednesday November 13, 2013, Glenn Reynolds and David Cohen of the United States Telecom Association (USTelecom) met by phone with Roland Helvajian of the Managing Director's Office, Thomas Sullivan of the International Bureau and Mika Savir of the Enforcement Bureau to discuss the Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the above-referenced dockets which is focused on continuing the process of updating the Commission's mechanisms for assessing and collecting its regulatory fees. USTelecom emphasized the need to complete this year the transitions begun last year and implement them in its FY 2014 fee collection process. USTelecom appreciated the progress made last year in beginning to reform the process, but emphasized that ITSP fee payers continue to be over-assessed while other categories of fee payers have been under-assessed. The discussion also included an exploration of the structure of various fee categories. USTelecom noted its support for a technologically neutral fee structure. We also discussed the potential for a limited allocation of non-core bureau FTEs to core bureaus, similar to the approach taken in the Report and Order with respect to the International Bureau.

Sincerely,

David B. Cohen
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cc: Roland Helvajian
Mika Sevir
Thomas Sullivan