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EX PARTE

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

RE: *Rates for Interstate Inmate Calling Services, WC Docket No. 12-375*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

In their reply comments dated March 18, 2014 concerning the two petitions filed by Securus Technologies, Inc., the Martha Wright Petitioners submitted as Exhibit One portions of two intrastate tariffs filed by CenturyLink Public Communications, Inc. in Alabama and Arkansas. The Martha Wright Petitioners claim in their reply comments that “it is clear that CenturyLink’s imposition of a \$0.25 fee per call would satisfy, and render moot, the cost-recovery mechanism proposed by Securus in the Voice Biometric petition.”

CenturyLink submits this ex parte letter to clarify that the \$0.25 fee per call in the two tariffs submitted by the Martha Wright Petitioners in no way renders moot the cost recovery mechanism proposed by Securus in the Voice Biometric petition. First, the two tariffs are intrastate tariffs for Alabama and Arkansas and do not govern interstate calls. Second, the \$0.25 fee per call equals \$0.02 per minute for a twelve and one-half minute call, which is very close to the average call duration at correctional institutions served by CenturyLink. Third, the \$0.02 per minute voice biometric charge proposed by Securus would not be in addition to the \$0.25 fee per call contained in CenturyLink’s intrastate tariffs. It is simply a different way to recover the cost of providing voice biometrics.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission’s rules, a copy of this letter is being filed in the above-referenced docket.

Sincerely,

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