

October 19, 2020

Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
45 L St. NE
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Ex Parte Notice, WC Docket No. 20-71, *Eliminating Ex Ante Pricing Regulation and Tariffing of Telephone Access Charges*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On October 15, 2020, Mike Romano, Senior Vice President, Industry Affairs & Business Development for NTCA—The Rural Broadband Association; Patrick Halley, Senior Vice President, Policy & Advocacy for USTelecom—The Broadband Association, and I spoke with the following members of the Wireline Competition Bureau: Lisa Hone, Gil Strobel, Victoria Goldberg, Douglas Sloten, Susan Bahr, Simon Solemani, and Jennifer Vickers. During the conversation, USTelecom and NTCA expressed their positions on, and concerns regarding the implications of, proposed reforms consistent with their respective comments in this proceeding.¹ The Associations also noted that the record in this proceeding further describes the difficulties associated with implementing the proposed Telephone Access Charge reform and urged the Commission to carefully consider these challenges in its deliberations.

Thank you for your attention to this correspondence. Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the rules of the Federal Communications Commission, a copy of this letter is being filed via ECFS.

Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

_____/s/_____
Mike Saperstein

Vice President, Strategic Initiatives & Partnerships

cc: Meeting Participants

¹ See Comments of NTCA, WC Docket No. 20-71 (filed Jul. 6, 2020); Reply Comments of NTCA, WC Docket No. 20-71 (filed Aug. 4, 2020); Comments of USTelecom, WC Docket No. 20-71 (filed July 6, 2020); Reply Comments of USTelecom, WC Docket No. 20-71 (filed Aug. 4, 2020).