

**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)
US Telephone & Telegraph)
Application for authorization under Section)
214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as)
amended) **ITC-214-20140327-00108**
)

**PETITION TO ADOPT CONDITIONS TO
AUTHORIZATIONS AND LICENSES**

The Department of Justice (“DOJ”) submits this Petition to Adopt Conditions to Authorizations and Licenses (“Petition”), pursuant to Section 1.41 of the Federal Communications Commission (“Commission”) rules.¹ Through this Petition, DOJ advises the Commission that it has no objection to the Commission approving the authority sought in the above-referenced proceeding, provided that the Commission conditions its approval on the assurance of US Telephone & Telegraph to abide by the commitments and undertakings set forth in the September 28, 2015 Letter of Assurances (“LOA”), which is attached hereto.

The Commission has long recognized that law enforcement, national security, and public safety concerns are part of its public interest analysis, and has accorded deference to the views of other U.S. government agencies with expertise in those areas. *See In the Matter of Comsat Corporation d/b/a Comsat Mobile Communications, etc.*, 16 FCC Rcd. 21,661, 21707 ¶ 94 (2001).

After discussions with representatives of US Telephone & Telegraph in connection with the above-referenced proceeding, DOJ has concluded that the additional commitments set forth

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 1.41.

in the LOA will help ensure that DOJ, an agency with responsibility for enforcing the law, protecting the national security, and preserving public safety, can proceed appropriately to satisfy those responsibilities. Accordingly, DOJ advises the Commission that it has no objection to the Commission granting the application in the above-referenced proceeding, provided that the Commission conditions its consent on compliance with the LOA.

Respectfully submitted,

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