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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary of the Federal Communications Commission  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th St. SW, Room TW-B204  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Request to Modify International 214 Authorization for USConnect Holdings, Inc. (ITC-MOD-20170224-00023)**

Dear Ms. Dortch,

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security, with the concurrence of the U.S. Department of Justice, to include the Federal Bureau of Investigation, (collectively, “the Agencies”), respectfully responds to the February 28, 2017, inquiry from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) requesting the Agencies non-objection to the removal of the condition on USConnect Holdings, Inc.’s (“USConnect”) international 214 authorization, ITC-214-20000310-00140, requiring that it comply with the May 18, 2005, Letter of Assurance (LOA) from David Cosson outlining the commitments made by Eastern Kansas Holdings, Inc. (Eastern Kansas) to the Agencies.<sup>1</sup> Based on review of the information presented in the request to modify USConnect’s international 214 authorization, the Agencies confirm that they have no objection to the removal of the condition that the carrier comply with certain national security, law enforcement, and public safety commitments.

Thank you for your consideration and coordination.

Regards,

/s/ Janine Alston Slade  
Deputy Director, Foreign Investment Risk Management  
Office of Policy  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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<sup>1</sup> This LOA was filed in connection with Eastern Kansas’ application, ITC-ASG-20050405-00140, in which it requested consent to assign the international 214 authorization held by Mid-South Telecommunications, Inc., ITC-214-20000310-00140, from Mid-South to Eastern Kansas.

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