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By E-File

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

Re: **Horizon Telcom/Horizon Acquisition**
ITC-T/C-20180131-00020/WC Docket No. 18-17

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The U.S. Department of Justice, with the concurrence of the U.S. Department of Defense and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (“collectively, “the Agencies”), requests that the Federal Communications Commission (“Commission”) defer action on the above-referenced proceeding. The Agencies currently are reviewing this matter for any national security, law enforcement, and public safety issues but have not yet completed that effort. We therefore request that the Commission defer action until the Agencies notify the Commission of the completion of their reviews and, based on the results of such reviews, request appropriate action by the Commission.

The Agencies will advise the Commission promptly upon completion of their review.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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