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**Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* Presentation in WC Docket No. 12-375  
Rates for Interstate Inmate Calling Services**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On January 23, 2014, the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) met with Daniel Alvarez, Legal Advisor to Chairman Wheeler, to discuss NSA's pending petition seeking reconsideration of the Inmate Calling Services (ICS) Order and the comments and reply comments filed by NSA in the Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FNPRM). Sheriff Mike Leidholt, NSA President, Sheriff (ret.) Aaron Kennard, NSA Executive Director, Tim Woods, NSA Director Government Affairs & Contracts, and the undersigned were present at the meeting for NSA.

In the meeting, NSA asked the Commission to act on its pending Petition for Reconsideration, in which NSA has asked the Commission to reconsider the effective date of the ICS Order. NSA explained that for most Sheriffs, their budgets were set for 2014 before the release of the Order. NSA seeks a delay in the effective date of the Order to allow Sheriffs to modify their budgets to account for the loss of revenues they will experience and still maintain the security and administrative functions necessary to provide interstate ICS.

With respect to the FNPRM, NSA discussed the fact that the current record does not adequately address the unique costs incurred by Sheriffs operating jails in connection with the provision of ICS. NSA supports the need for a separate rate structure for jails, in light of the higher cost in serving jails. NSA also discussed its concern that the Commission's current rate structure will cause ICS providers to exit the ICS market for jails, leaving Sheriffs unable to

provide any ICS services for inmates.

Finally, NSA urged the Commission to act on the waiver petition filed by Pay Tel Communications, Inc.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, a copy of this letter is being filed via ECFS. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

/s/ Mary J. Sisak

cc: Daniel Alvarez