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Mark Langer, Clerk  
United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit  
E. Barrett Prettyman Courthouse  
333 Constitution Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Global Tel\*Link et al. v. FCC and United States of America,  
Nos. 15-1461, 15-1498, 16-1012, 16-1029, 16-1038, 16-1046,  
16-1057

Dear Mr. Langer:

The Federal Communications Commission's January 31, 2017 letter informed the Court that the Commission is abandoning and no longer defending arguments contained in Sections I and III.B of the Respondents' brief filed jointly by the Commission and the United States in defense of the Order on review. In light of the deference given to the Commission in these matters, Respondent United States no longer intends to defend those aspects of the Order discussed in Sections I and III.B of the brief. The United States, however, continues to join the Commission's defense of "the significant remaining portions of the Order." Jan. 31, 2017 Letter at 2.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on February 2, 2017, I caused a copy of the foregoing to be filed through this Court's CM/ECF electronic filing system, which will serve an electronic notice of filing on all registered counsel.

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