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NOTICE OF VIOLATION AND MODIFICATION OF *EX PARTE* RULES IN THE MATTER OF RATES FOR INMATE CALLING SERVICES

WC Docket No. 12-375

Notice is hereby given that the Commission received a prohibited written presentation in the above-referenced proceeding. On October 19, 2015, Global Tel*Link Corporation (GTL) filed a written *ex parte* presentation in WC Docket No. 12-375.¹ Section 1.1203 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1203, prohibits the making of any presentation, whether *ex parte* or not, to decision-making personnel concerning any matter listed on the Commission's Sunshine Agenda from the day after the Sunshine Agenda is released until the Commission releases the text of a decision or order relating to that matter or removes the item from the Sunshine Agenda. The sunshine period for the above-referenced proceeding commenced on October 15, 2015. GTL filed its presentation two business days after the commencement of the sunshine period and the presentation did not qualify for any of the exemptions to the prohibition against making presentations during the sunshine period. *See* 47 C.F.R. §1.1203(a).

Notwithstanding this fact, section 1.1200 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1200, provides that where the public interest so requires in a particular proceeding, the Commission and its staff retain the discretion to modify the applicable *ex parte* rules by public notice. The Wireline Competition Bureau has decided that it will serve the public interest to allow the filing to become part of the record in WC Docket 12-375.

Per the Commission's procedures for handling prohibited *ex parte* presentations, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1212, the Wireline Competition Bureau has referred GTL's October 19, 2015 *ex parte* filing to the Commission's Office of General Counsel.

Action by: Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau

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¹ Letter from Chérie R. Kiser, Counsel to GTL, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket No. 12-375 (filed Oct. 19, 2015).