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**Re:    *AT&T Corp. v. Iowa Network Services, Inc. d/b/a Aureon Network Services,***  
***Proceeding Number 17-56, Bureau ID Number EB-17-MD-001***

Dear Counsel:

This letter ruling suspends the captioned proceeding, which is associated with the Petition for Reconsideration filed by Iowa Network Services, Inc. d/b/a Aureon Network Services (Aureon).<sup>1</sup> The parties have requested that the Commission suspend the reconsideration proceeding to allow them to better focus their attention and resources on their ongoing settlement discussions.

A settlement of this dispute could obviate the need for the Commission to address Aureon's Petition, as well as the need for a subsequent damages' proceeding. The Commission has broad discretion to "conduct its [formal complaint] proceedings as will best conduce to the proper dispatch of business and to the ends of justice."<sup>2</sup> In light of the parties' continuing efforts to resolve their dispute, we find that the appropriate exercise of our discretion warrants suspending the Petition proceedings for thirty (30) days. We are satisfied that this will serve the public interest by eliminating the need for the expenditure of additional time and resources by the parties and this Commission until such time as is warranted. Accordingly, we stay the Petition proceeding until July 6, 2018, and request the parties to keep Commission staff apprised of their progress toward settlement.

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<sup>1</sup> Petition for Reconsideration, Proceeding Number 17-56, Bureau ID Number EB-17-MD-001 (filed Dec. 8, 2017) (Petition).

<sup>2</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 154(j). See, e.g., 47 U.S.C. § 154(i); *Implementation of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Amendment of Rules Governing Procedures to Be Followed When Formal Complaints Are Filed Against Common Carriers, Report and Order*, 12 FCC Rcd 22497 (1997).

This letter ruling is issued pursuant to Sections 4(i), 4(j), and 208 of the Act, 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(i), 154(j), 208, Sections 1.106, 1.720-1.736 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §§ 1.106, 1.720-1.736, and the authority delegated in Sections 0.111 and 0.311 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §§ 0.111, 0.311.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa B. Griffin". To the right of the signature, there are some initials or a date, possibly "1/24/17".

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