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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Room TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

Ex Parte Submission

**Re: Accelerating Wireless Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to
Infrastructure Investment, WT Docket No. 17-79**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Thursday, January 18, 2018, Joan Marsh, Robert Vitanza and the undersigned, with AT&T, met with Commissioner Brendan Carr and his wireless advisor, Will Adams, to discuss the need to minimize National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) review for small cell deployments. AT&T's discussions tracked its previously filed comments in this docket.

During the meeting, we discussed how for the next several years small cell deployments will play a major role in facilitating both 4G capacity expansion and the introduction of 5G services. We applauded the Commission's continued efforts to streamline NEPA/NHPA processes for wireless infrastructure deployment and discussed implementation of those processes. We also proposed ways to modernize those processes to allow for accelerated small cell deployments, including equipment on the strand, and how those processes would help this Country become the leader in 5G technology.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, an electronic copy of this letter is being filed for inclusion in this docket.

Sincerely,

Colleen Thompson

cc: Will Adams

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