

February 2, 2018

**VIA ECFS**

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Notice of Ex Parte Presentations (WC Docket No. 10-90; WT Docket No. 10-208) - Emergency Hurricane Relief in U.S. Virgin Islands*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On January 31 and February 1, 2018, ATN International, Inc. (“ATNI”), on behalf of its subsidiaries Virgin Islands Telephone Corporation (fka Innovative), Vitelcom Cellular, Inc., and Choice Communications, LLC (collectively, “Viya”), met with Commission staff to discuss their petitions for emergency universal service support to aid with recovery from Hurricanes Irma and Maria.<sup>1</sup> In the meetings, Viya was represented by Douglas J. Minster, Vice President, Government and Regulatory Affairs for ATNI; Rohan Ranaraja, Director, Regulatory Affairs for ATNI; and outside counsel Kathleen Q. Abernathy and the undersigned of this firm. Viya met in separate meetings with Michael Carowitz of the Office of Chairman Ajit Pai; Claude Aiken of the Office of Commissioner Mignon Clyburn; Amy Bender of the Office of Commissioner Michael O’Rielly; Jamie Susskind of the Office of Commissioner Brenden Carr; and Travis Litman of the Office of Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel. We also met with the following staff from the Wireline Competition Bureau: Kris Monteith, Chief; Sue McNeil, Deputy Chief; Christian Hoefly, Acting Legal Advisor; Alexander Minard, Deputy Chief, Telecommunications Access Policy Division; and Michael Qin, Attorney Advisor.

In the meetings, Viya explained that the situation in the U.S. Virgin Islands remains serious. Although most wireless service has been restored, wireline service still has not been restored to most customers. Viya further explained that it is facing crucial decision points over

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<sup>1</sup> *Emergency Petition of Virgin Islands Telephone Corp. dba Viya for Wireline Hurricane Restoration Support*, WC Docket No. 10-90 (filed Dec. 6, 2017); *Emergency Petition for Supplemental Universal Service Support to Restore Wireless Networks in Hurricane-Devastated Insular Areas*, WC Docket No. 10-90 and WT Docket No. 10-208 (filed Oct. 5, 2017).

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the next two to four weeks in terms of how it will reconstruct its networks, and these decisions will be driven in part by the availability of funding for restoration of the networks. Viya therefore urged the Commission to act as expeditiously as possible on the petitions.

Please direct any questions regarding this filing to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

/s/  
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