

June 6, 2019

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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Notice of Ex Parte Presentation, *In the Matter of Applications of T-Mobile US, Inc. and Sprint Corporation, Consolidated Applications for Consent to Transfer Control of Licenses and Authorizations*, WT Docket No. 18-197

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On June 4, 2019, representatives of Altice USA, Inc. (“Altice”), including Dexter Goei, Chief Executive Officer of Altice and Lee Schroeder, Executive Vice President of Government & Community Affairs and Chief Diversity Officer, met with Commissioner Starks and his Chief of Staff & Senior Legal Advisor for Wireless, William Davenport, Commissioner Carr, and his Legal Advisor, Will Adams, and Commissioner O’Rielly and his Legal Advisor for Wireless, Erin McGrath.

Altice reiterated the following points in its discussions with the Commissioners:

- Altice has made significant investment in its wireless core infrastructure, which is critical to Altice's ability to integrate and utilize Radio Access Network ("RAN") from multiple sources.
- Altice’s model to enter the U.S. wireless market by investing in wireless core infrastructure and utilizing a full infrastructure mobile virtual network operator (“MVNO”) will position Altice to provide true competition in the retail markets, providing significant benefits for consumers in Altice’s diverse markets, from the urban centers in New York and New Jersey to the rural communities in West Virginia and Texas.
- Altice’s wholesale agreement with Sprint is critical to its entry. Altice appreciates the Commission’s support for the benefits provided by Altice’s entry into the retail wireless market, as indicated in T-Mobile’s commitment to fulfill the terms of the current contract, including providing access to the New T-Mobile’s 5G network.
- Given Altice’s investment in the wireless core, and the time it takes to build out wireless infrastructure, Altice emphasized the need for T-Mobile to commit to an extension of Altice’s current deal with Sprint to ensure that Altice can continue to bring the benefits of facilities-based competition to consumers over the long term.

Altice also discussed the possibility of permitting Altice to opt-in to the terms of the wholesale deal between the New T-Mobile and the buyer of Boost Mobile if that wholesale agreement supports a full infrastructure MVNO, as suggested by the commitments submitted by T-Mobile.

Sincerely,

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