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Via Electronic Filing
Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

EX PARTE LETTER

RE: *Business Data Services in an Internet Protocol Environment, WC Docket No. 16-143; Special Access Rates for Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers, WC Docket No. 05-25; AT&T Corp. Petition for Rulemaking to Reform Regulation of Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier Rates for Interstate Special Access Services, RM-10593*

Dear Secretary Dortch:

On August 3, 2016 BT plc's CEO Gavin Patterson spoke via phone with Chairman Wheeler, FCC. During this call, he highlighted that price reductions for Ethernet and TDM-based business data services proposed by Verizon and Incompas¹ are reasonable in light of the state of deregulation of these services in the U.S. that has persisted for a decade or more. He also highlighted BT's experience with access regulation in the UK as described in the comparative study BT filed with its reply comments on February 19, 2016 in the above-referenced proceeding.²

If you have any questions regarding any matters discussed herein please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'SChacko' in a cursive, stylized font.

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¹ See Letter from Karen Reidy, Incompas, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket Nos. 16-143 and 05-25, RM-10593, at 4-5 (filed Aug. 1, 2016).

² WIK-Consult Report, Ethernet Leased Lines: An International Benchmark (Feb. 2016) (attached as an Appendix to Reply Comments of BT Americas Inc., WC Docket No. 05-25, RM-10593 (filed Feb. 19, 2016)).