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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *Notice of Oral Ex Parte Communication*

GN Docket No. 17-258, *Promoting Investment in the 3550-3700 MHz Band*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On August 7, 2018, John Hunter of T-Mobile USA, Inc. (“T-Mobile”)^{1/} and I met with Erin McGrath, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Michael O’Rielly, regarding the above-referenced proceeding.

We discussed the Commission’s adoption of rules governing the auction and licensing of spectrum in the 3550-3700 MHz (“3.5 GHz”) band. We reiterated T-Mobile’s position that in order to maximize the potential for wireless services, it is important that the Commission adopt rules that authorize Priority Access Licenses (“PALs”) in appropriately-sized geographic areas. The Commission must avoid use of smaller geographic areas, which will create engineering and interference challenges that will severely limit the ability to provide service using the 3.5 GHz band. In addition to licensing appropriately-sized PALs, we asserted that the Commission can further promote investment in the 3.5 GHz band by issuing authorizations with standard, 10-year license terms, with a renewal expectancy.

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Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission’s rules, an electronic copy of this letter is being filed in the above-referenced dockets and a copy provided to Ms. McGrath. Please direct any questions regarding this filing to me.

^{1/} T-Mobile USA, Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary of T-Mobile US, Inc., a publicly traded company.

Respectfully submitted,

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