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***EX PARTE***

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

Re: *Special Access Rates for Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers,  
WC Docket No. 05-25*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Friday, August 19, 2016, Randall Stephenson, Chairman & CEO, AT&T, James Cicconi, Senior Executive Vice President, AT&T External & Legislative Affairs, and Robert Quinn, Senior Vice President, AT&T Federal Regulatory, met with Commissioner Mignon Clyburn. During that conversation, AT&T discussed how a decision to regulate prices for business data services (“BDS”), particularly fiber-based BDS, will deter incentives for the rapid deployment of 5G wireless technology in rural America.

Pursuant to section 1.1206 of the Commission’s Rules, this letter is being filed electronically with the Commission.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 457-2321.

Sincerely,

/s/ Frank S. Simone

cc: Hon. M. Clyburn  
C. Aiken