

August 26, 2016

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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, DC 20554

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

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Wednesday, August 24, 2016 Mr. Dan Templin, Senior Vice President; Mr. Thomas J. Larsen, Senior Vice President; Mr. Jerold C. Lambert, Group Vice President; Ms. Victoria Anderson, Vice President of Mediacom Communications Corporation (“Mediacom”), and the undersigned, met with Matt DelNero and Deena Shetler of the Wireline Competition Bureau, and Bill Dever of the Office of General Counsel concerning the above-referenced proceeding.

During the meeting Mediacom’s representatives explained that although the company has made significant investments in its network to deliver business data services (“BDS”), its entry in this market is still nascent and the Company lacks market power. For example, since entry into the market Mediacom’s BDS prices have been subject to competitive pressure that has forced prices to decline markedly since 2011. The imposition of price regulation on such services necessarily would act as a disincentive for further investment in these markets, potentially reducing competition. Any reduction in competition would, in turn, have a particularly detrimental impact on the smaller, more rural, markets that Mediacom serves. Finally, we argued that record evidence does not provide a basis to impose new regulations on cable operators, but to the extent the Commission believes some action is necessary it can focus its attention on legacy DS1 and DS3 services, rather than Ethernet services, by applying *existing* regulatory mechanisms to review or constrain prices of legacy ILEC DS1 and DS3 services.

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Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, a copy of this ex parte presentation is being filed in the above-referenced docket.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K.C. Halm", enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

K.C. Halm

cc: Matt DelNero
Deena Shetler
Bill Dever