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**EX PARTE VIA ECFS**

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
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**Re: Ex Parte Presentation in CG Docket No. 17-59**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On August 29, 2017, Linda Vandeloop and Vonda Long-Dillard of AT&T met with Mark Stone, Micah Caldwell, Karen Schroeder, John B. Adams, Kurt Schroeder, and Jerusha Burnett; Richard Smith via phone, all of the Consumer and Government Affairs Bureau; Henning Schulzrinne of the Office of Strategic Planning; and John B. Adams of the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, to discuss the Advanced Methods to Target and Eliminate Unlawful Robocalls NPRM and NOI.<sup>1</sup> During the meeting, AT&T discussed its current efforts to address illegal robocalls.

AT&T also encouraged the FCC to adopt rules that allow blocking of illegal robocalls, and provide a safe harbor in case of inadvertent call-blocking of legitimate numbers. Specifically, if adopted through a rulemaking process, the safe harbor would apply to those service providers that cooperate with industry-led efforts designed to address the issue of illegal robocalls, and implement policies and procedures detailing its practices to identify and address such robocalls, including procedures to cease blocking of any calls upon learning they are legitimate calls.

Finally, AT&T opposed proposals for an Opt-in call-blocking consent model not be adopted for mitigation efforts of network-event illegal call-blocking.

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<sup>1</sup> *Advanced Methods to Target and Eliminate Unlawful Robocalls, CG Docket No. 17-59 NPRM and NOI* (FCC 17-24, rel. March 23, 2017).

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Pursuant to section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, this *ex parte* notification is being filed electronically for inclusion in the record of the above-referenced proceeding. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Vonda Long-Dillard

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