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

**Re: Ex Parte Notice
WC Docket No. 17-84**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On September 12, 2017, Pam Ellis (Utility Business Development Senior Manager for AEP), Tom St. Pierre (Associate General Counsel for AEP), Anne Vogel (Director of Federal Energy Policy for AEP), Natalie Beasman (Legal Counsel for Southern Company) and I met separately with Nathan Eagan (Commissioner Carr's Wireline Advisor) and Travis Litman (Commissioner Rosenworcel's Wireline Advisor) in connection with the above-referenced docket.

During the meetings, we discussed the Commission's proposed revisions to Rule 1.1424 (relating to incumbent LEC cost sharing of jointly used poles). We urged the Commission not to adopt the proposed rule and explained that adoption of the proposed rule would be anti-competitive and disruptive to broadband deployment, particularly in rural areas where incumbent LECs are in the best position to provide high-speed broadband by leveraging the benefits of existing joint use agreements.

The positions and data we discussed were consistent with the positions and data set forth in the initial comments (at pp. 23-34 and 37-40) and reply comments (at pp. 1-5) filed by AEP and Southern Company (along with Ameren, Duke Energy, Entergy, Oncor Electric and Tampa Electric) in this proceeding.

This ex parte notification is being filed electronically in the above-referenced docket pursuant to section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Very Truly Yours,

/s/ Eric B. Langley

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