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Via ECFS

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Notice of Ex Parte Presentation – Connect USVI Fund
WC Docket No. 18-143

Dear Ms. Dortch,

On September 19, 2018, ATN International, Inc. (“ATN”), on behalf of itself and its wholly owned subsidiaries Virgin Islands Telephone Corp., d/b/a Viya (“Viya”) and Viya’s affiliated companies providing wireless services in the United States Virgin Islands (“USVI” or “Territory”),¹ met with Jay Schwarz and Michael Carowitz of the Office of Chairman Ajit Pai to discuss Stage 2 of the Connect USVI Fund in the above-referenced docket.² In the meeting,

¹ Viya (formerly known as Innovative), Vitelcom Cellular, Inc. (“Vitelcom”), and Choice Communications, LLC (“Choice”) (Vitelcom and Choice collectively, “Viya Wireless”) are under the common ownership and control of ATN. Viya and Viya Wireless provide wireline voice and broadband telecommunications, mobile and fixed wireless service, and cable television service to residents and businesses in the USVI. ATN acquired Viya and Vitelcom in July 2016. *See Applications of National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation and Atlantic Tele- Network, Inc. For Consent to Transfer Control of Licenses and Authorizations*, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 31 FCC Rcd 6913 (2016). ATN recently completed the process of integrating the wireless operations of Vitelcom and Choice. ATN is a publicly traded Delaware corporation that provides, through its subsidiaries, international and domestic wireless and wireline voice and data services to retail residential and enterprise customers, including mobile wireless solutions, local exchange services, and broadband Internet access services, as well as wholesale connectivity and related services to carrier customers in the United States, South America and in other Caribbean-region countries.

² *Uniendo a Puerto Rico Fund and the Connect USVI Fund, et al.*, Report & Order and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, WC Docket Nos. 18-143, 10-90 & 14-58, FCC-18-57 (rel. May 29, 2018), <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/FCC-18-57A1.pdf>.

ATN was represented by the undersigned and outside counsel L. Charles Keller and Phillip R. Marchesiello of Wilkinson Barker Knauer LLP.

In the meeting, ATN thanked the Chairman and the Commission for their decisive action to adopt relief measures for the USVI following Hurricanes Irma and Maria. ATN also urged the Commission to move expeditiously to adopt rules and a funding allocation process for Stage 2 of the Connect USVI Fund. ATN's arguments followed its comments and reply comments in this proceeding.³ Specifically, ATN stated that the Commission should allocate Stage 2 Connect USVI funding in a manner that will ensure the most rapid availability of sustainable fixed voice and broadband services throughout the entire USVI.

Sincerely,

/s/ Douglas J. Minster

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³ See Comments of Virgin Islands Telephone Corp. dba Viya, WC Docket No. 18-143 (filed July 26, 2018); Reply Comments of Virgin Islands Telephone Corp. dba Viya, WC Docket No. 18-143 (filed Aug. 8, 2018).