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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Room TW-A325  
Washington, D.C. 20554

***Ex Parte Submission***

**Re: Accelerating Wireless Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment, WT Docket No. 17-79**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Thursday, November 9, 2017, Colleen Thompson and the undersigned, with AT&T met with Commissioner Brendan Carr and his wireless advisor, Kevin Holmes to discuss the draft order on replacement poles proposed for consideration in this docket.

We applauded the Commission's continued efforts to streamline the process for wireless infrastructure deployment. We discussed the importance of more streamlined deployment of small cell infrastructure through the improvement of wireless facilities siting policies. We also discussed certain possible minor changes to the Order that would help to further accelerate deployments, and thus lead to improved services for consumers.

In particular, we explained that allowing replacement poles to be placed within 10 feet of the existing hole with a height increase of up to 10 feet would more closely align with standard practices for pole replacement. These modifications would have no reasonable potential to impact historic properties, while covering the vast majority of replacement poles that are needed for small cell facility deployments.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, an electronic copy of this letter is being filed for inclusion in this docket.

Sincerely,

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CC:  
Kevin Holmes

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