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***Ex Parte Communication***

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

**Re: Acceleration of Broadband Deployment  
WC Docket No. 11-59; WT Docket Nos. 13-238, 13-32**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On September 30, 2014, Joan Marsh, representing AT&T, spoke via telephone with Erin McGrath, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Michael O'Reilly, to discuss the Acceleration of Broadband Deployment docket.

Ms. Marsh discussed generally the need for modernization of the rules regarding tower siting, as the current requirements continue to thwart broadband deployment, despite the continued movement of the wireless industry to more low profile antennas and equipment and creative siting on existing non-tower structures. Ms. Marsh supported straight-forward and sensible reforms consistent with programmatic requirements that will expedite environmental and historic preservation review of new and modified wireless facilities. Ms. Marsh discussed the importance of streamlining and accelerating small cell and DAS deployments. While configurations vary, small cells can be placed on sides of buildings, on utility poles and sometimes the equipment is placed within a single small enclosure. AT&T has expressed support for the three part cubic volume-based definition of small cell/DAS previously submitted into the record by PCIA.

Finally, Ms. Marsh discussed the need to clarify certain terms in the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2013, which was passed in an effort to streamline State and local review of wireless siting proposals.

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

Sincerely,

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cc: Erin McGrath