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Marlene Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Applications of AT&T Inc. and DIRECTV for Consent to Assign or Transfer Control of Licenses & Authorizations, MB Docket No. 14-90

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Nevada Mining Association supports the AT&T and DIRECTV merger and requests your thorough and thoughtful consideration of this merger.

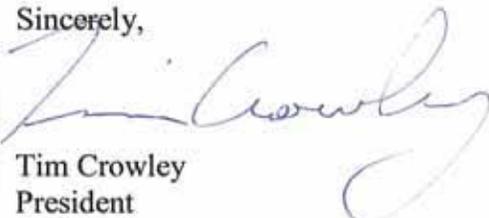
We represent the mining industry across the state of Nevada, which has a long history as a leading mineral producing state. Although much has changed during the past 150 years, one constant has remained -- mining continues to be an important part of the state's economy. While a relatively small industry -- ranked 9th in state gross domestic product -- mining's importance to Nevada's economic and social infrastructure can't be understated as the industry continues to produce the necessary minerals on which our society depends.

With that in mind, we have had significant growth in mining areas and a corresponding need for the latest technology to aid in production, communication for employees and day-to-day business operations for the approximately 12,000 members in this industry. Many of our top producers operate in areas that were once considered rural with expanding populations from both in-state and out-of-state. They often have few choices for high speed broadband. As these populations grow, we must provide increased bandwidths in to meet their needs.

We are in favor of the merger so that more customer locations in Nevada have access to high speed Internet service, especially areas that have long been overlooked.

Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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