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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Permitted Written *Ex Parte* Presentation  
MB Docket No. 14-90**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Boeing Company writes to express its support for the proposed merger between AT&T Inc. and DirectTV. The proposed merger will combine the companies' complementary capabilities into an innovative network that will provide enhanced services to millions of Americans.

This merger is good for the satellite industry. The proposed merger will allow DirectTV to optimize the use of its extensive satellite network to serve a larger cross section of consumers in a more comprehensive manner. In particular, the combination of the two companies will be able to offer the core services – video, broadband, phone, and wireless – that consumers increasingly demand. As a world leader in the development, manufacture, and deployment of next generation satellite systems, Boeing—and the satellite industry as a whole—stand to benefit from providing the combined entity with the satellites and associated services required to satisfy the expanded consumer demand for these enhanced services.

This merger is also good for California and, especially, for the greater Los Angeles area, where Boeing's satellite business is also headquartered. For most of DirectTV's twenty-year history, Boeing has designed, constructed, and manufactured satellites for DirectTV, bringing jobs and technical expertise to southern California. The headquarters and operations of DirectTV in El Segundo, California—within a half mile of Boeing's satellite facilities—makes a significant contribution to the Southern California economy, as well as enabling close cooperation with the entertainment industry and the production of substantial original programming. The merger with AT&T will allow it to grow and strengthen the economy and community in southern California and El Segundo, in particular.

By approving the merger of AT&T and DirectTV, the Commission will enable the combined company to provide wider, better, more competitive service to the Nation; spurring economic growth and benefitting, in turn, the many communities and industries that partner with the entity, including the satellite industry. The Boeing Company, accordingly, supports the merger and urges its approval.

Respectfully submitted,



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