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EX PARTE VIA ECFS

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

Re: ***Ex Parte Notice***
Expanding the Economic and Innovation Opportunities of Spectrum Through Incentive Auctions, GN Docket No. 12-268; Policies Regarding Mobile Spectrum Holdings, WT Docket No. 12-269; Comment Sought on Competitive Bidding Procedures for Broadcast Incentive Auction 1000, Including Auctions 1001 and 1002, AU Docket No. 14-252

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On June 24, 2015, Andy Levin and Kathleen Ham of T-Mobile USA, Inc. (“T-Mobile”),¹ and Trey Hanbury and Ari Fitzgerald of Hogan Lovells US LLP, counsel to T-Mobile, met with Commissioner Mignon Clyburn, and Channele Hardy, Louis Peraertz, and Misha Guttentag, Legal Advisors to Commissioner Clyburn.

T-Mobile’s representatives explained how expanded access to low-band spectrum would allow non-dominant providers to compete more aggressively against the nation’s two dominant incumbents. The 600 MHz incentive auction represents competitive carriers’ last opportunity to acquire critical low-band spectrum resources they need to compete at any meaningful scale. As a result, the rules the Commission adopts for the upcoming auction have the potential to determine whether and to what extent the wireless industry remains competitive.

As recognized by the overwhelming majority of parties to this proceeding, expanding access to low-band spectrum will help promote price, quality and coverage competition between the two

¹ T-Mobile USA, Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary of T-Mobile US, Inc., a publicly traded company.

dominant providers and the rest of the industry.² One economist has estimated the price benefits arising from greater competition in the wireless industry as potentially saving consumers more than \$200 billion.³

T-Mobile's representatives explained how these cost savings benefit all consumers, especially price-sensitive ones. T-Mobile's representatives asked the Commission to safeguard one additional block of spectrum from foreclosure and to guard against attempts to delay or alter the reserve through a variety of limitations that the dominant carriers have advanced during the proceeding.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's rules, an electronic copy of this letter is being filed in the above-referenced dockets. Please direct any questions regarding this filing to me.

Respectfully submitted,

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² See, e.g., Letter from Charter Communications to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, AU Docket No. 14-252; GN Docket No. 12-268, at 3 (May 22, 2015).

³ William Lehr, *Benefits of Competition in Mobile Services*, attached to Letter from Rebecca Murphy Thompson, General Counsel, Competitive Carriers Association to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, WT Docket Nos. 13-135, 12-269; GN Docket Nos. 12-268, 13-185 (Mar. 24, 2014).