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*Via Electronic Filing*  
Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

*EX PARTE LETTER*

**RE: *WC Docket No. 05-25, RM-10593, GN Dkt No. 13-5***

Dear Secretary Dortch:

On July 8, 2015, BT met with Daniel Alvarez, legal advisor to Chairman Wheeler. Representing BT were Sheba Chacko, Senior Counsel and Head, Americas Regulation and Global Telecoms Policy, and Jennifer Taylor Hodges, VP, US Government Affairs.

During this meeting and using the presentation attached to this letter, BT explained that the UK regulator, Ofcom, gathers access competition data similar to that gathered by the FCC in the special access data request every three years. It has analyzed this data, applied a new set of remedies including price controls every three years and observed the emergence of access competition in the UK for nearly twelve years now with good outcomes for consumers and no diminution of investment by BT in superfast broadband. Residential broadband subscribers in the UK have access to some of the cheapest superfast broadband rates amongst leading western economies. Business and public sector entities in the UK have access to some of the lowest-priced Ethernet access services in the world. The Commission must complete the special access market review on a timely basis and ensure that equivalent access services are available in a transition by incumbents away from legacy services to newer technologies.

If you have any questions regarding any matters discussed herein please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'SChacko' in a cursive, stylized font.

Sheba Chacko  
Head, Americas Regulation and Global Telecoms Policy, BT  
Americas Inc.

cc: Daniel Alvarez

