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

Ex Parte Notice

Re: Ensuring Customer Premises Equipment Backup Power for Continuity of Communications, PS Docket No. 14-174;

Technology Transitions, GN Docket No. 13-5;

Policies and Rules Governing Retirement of Copper Loops by Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers, RM-11358;

Special Access for Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers, WC Docket No. 05-25; and

AT&T Corporation Petition for Rulemaking to Reform Regulation of Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier Rates for Interstate Special Access Services, RM-10593.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC") rules, the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Cable ("MDTC"), hereby provides notice that on July 30, 2015, the undersigned had a conversation via telephone with Rebekah Goodheart, Wireline Legal Advisor to FCC Commissioner Mignon Clyburn.

During the call, I raised points consistent with the MDTC's March 9, 2015, reply comments filed in the above-referenced proceedings. Specifically, I expressed support for the FCC to maintain its collaborative approach with state commissions in setting rules and policies for technology transitions, and reiterated my belief that during transitions carriers should fully inform consumers of the effect the transitions will have on service quality, service offerings, and customer premises equipment.



Moreover, I expressed support for the core values of consumer protection, and preservation of competition that are expressed in the Chairman's fact sheet¹, and are consistent with the *Resolution Urging the FCC to Partner with States to Protect Residential and Business Consumers During the Technology Transition* that the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) passed on February 18, 2015.

Lastly, we discussed the MDTC's recent experience with the transition of the Town of Lynnfield, Massachusetts to an all fiber network. I explained that the MDTC worked collaboratively with Verizon Massachusetts on prior customer notification, and that as a result the Lynnfield transition was successfully completed with minimal disruption.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the FCC's rules, this notice is being filed electronically with your office. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Very truly yours,



Karen Charles Peterson
Commissioner

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cc: Rebekah Goodheart

¹ See, FACT SHEET: Chairman Wheeler's Technology Transitions Proposals (rel. July 10), available online at: <https://www.fcc.gov/document/fact-sheet-chairman-wheeler-technology-transitions-proposals>.

