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Ms. Marlene Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Washington DC 20554

***Re: WC Docket No. 11-42; Lifeline and Link-up Modernization***

Dear Ms. Dortch:

In separate meetings on January 20, Bob Quinn, Hank Hultquist, Linda Hood, and the undersigned, all of AT&T, met with Nicholas Degani (Commissioner Pai's office), Travis Litman (Commissioner Rosenworcel's office) and Rebekah Goodheart (Commissioner Clyburn's office).

The purpose of the meetings was to discuss the reform and modernization of the Lifeline program. AT&T strongly supports Lifeline reform that is designed to give eligible users greater autonomy and remove service providers from program administration duties, including eligibility verification and delivering benefits to Lifeline consumers. We discussed ideas for reform that would benefit Lifeline recipients and strengthen the program such as establishing a third party verifier and replacing the current ETC designation process with a voluntary registered Lifeline service provider certification process. In the course of the meetings we provided a copy of an AT&T *exparte* filed in this proceeding on January 20, 2016 addressing the Commission's legal authority to provide USF support to non-ETCs.

This notice is being filed in accordance with section 1.1206(b) (2) of the Commission's rules. Please feel free to contact me at 202-457-2041 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Mary L. Henze*

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