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In response to AT&T's comments, I'd like to reiterate that the service is used by public safety personnel, a context where functionality certainly trumps quantity of use. Additionally, the company makes no attempt to market or advertise the service. Therefore, it's functionality has remained esoteric to potential users; most mentionings are relegated to listings in the company's tariffs.

Also, in regards to the dwindling number of housing units using AT&T POTS service, AT&T has been actively discouraging POTS use by steering customers to Digital Voice or Wireless Home Phone service. For example, in Uverse areas, the company's website will outright refuse to allow new subscribers to purchase traditional POTS service, insisting they call instead. As this behavior does not occur in areas without Uverse service, it is unlikely to be any form of technical limitation.

Simultaneously, in California, AT&T POTS rates have risen 164% over the past decade - an action certainly not part of any customer retention effort. An investigation from the California PUC regarding the matter is currently pending:
<http://www.latimes.com/business/hi/tziki/la-fi-hi/tziki-20160213-column.html> .

Regardless of the action taken, I respectfully ask the Commission to keep these findings in mind.

Thank you,
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