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VIA ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION

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

Re: WCB Docket 11-42, Lifeline and Linkup Modernization

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On March 16, 2016, Bob Quinn, Linda Hood, and I, on behalf of AT&T met with Nicholas Degani, legal advisor to Commissioner Pai. During the meeting, we discussed the above-referenced proceeding.

We urged the Commission to take program administration responsibilities away from service providers as expeditiously as possible and, in any case, no later than January 1, 2017. We also recommended that the Commission not compromise its longstanding principle of competitive neutrality by eliminating support for standalone mobile voice services, while maintaining support for standalone fixed voice services. In light of the fact that consumers greatly prefer mobile voice services to fixed services, such a change would be particularly misplaced. AT&T takes no position on whether the Commission should eliminate support for standalone voice services, but if it does it should do so for all technologies. Finally, we stressed the importance of providing clarity about the obligations of high-cost mobility ETCs in the event that phase out of standalone mobile voice moves forward, and recommended that such ETCs be exempted from any phase down requirement until the issues around high cost mobility support are resolved.

Pursuant to section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, this letter is being filed electronically with your office for inclusion in the public record of the above referenced proceeding. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Henry G. Hultquist

CC:
Nicholas Degani