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Ex parte

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Portals II, Room TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Ensuring Continuity of 911 Communications, PS Docket No. 14-174*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On June 9, 2016, Joseph Marx, Christi Shewman, Jerome Benton (by teleconference), and the undersigned of AT&T met with Linda Pintro, Jerome Stanshine and Michael Wilhem of the Public Safety Bureau concerning the above-captioned matters. AT&T answered questions about (1) the pricing and capabilities of battery backup options offered to AT&T U-verse Voice subscribers; (2) the power requirements of AT&T U-verse residential gateways and optical network terminals, (3) estimates of the range of power requirements of personal computers and monitors, (4) and the practical limits of current battery backup technologies. AT&T made clear that, with current battery technology, battery size and cost would make it impractical to provide eight hours of battery backup for personal computers. AT&T also discussed the extremely low take rate of certain battery backup options associated with AT&T's U-verse Voice service. The low take rate is likely attributed to the fact that U-verse Voice subscribers have other calling options available to them, such as wireless voice service, when there is a loss of commercial power. In addition, the lower take rate makes it extremely challenging to incent battery manufacturers to design new batteries since there are no other industry drivers for this technology. AT&T made the point that any new Commission rules that would increase the load on a battery backup option that must be made available to subscribers would increase the size and cost of that option and further depress the already low take rate that AT&T has seen.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/ David L. Talbott

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