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Re: Choice Coalition *Emergency Joint Petition for Stay*, CC Docket Nos. 01-338, 96-98, 98-147

Dear Chairman Powell and Commissioners:

The Association for Local Telecommunications Services (“ALTS”) submits this letter in support of the *Emergency Joint Petition for Stay* filed by the Coalition for High-Speed Online Internet Competition and Enterprise (“CHOICE”). The CHOICE Coalition has asked the Commission to temporarily delay two limited aspects of its linesharing decision -- the 25 percent price increase and the one year clock for denial of access to new customers. ALTS agrees that effectuation of these two portions of the linesharing decision, before outstanding line splitting operational issues are addressed, would cause immediate irreparable harm to consumers. ALTS agrees with Petitioners that timing the stay to expire upon judicial review of the Commission’s decision will provide an appropriate “end date” to impose on the stay. ALTS believes that failure to grant the limited stay would result in massive disruption in broadband services to residential and rural consumers. For the reasons set forth in the *Emergency Joint Petition for Stay* and accompanying affidavits, ALTS respectfully requests the FCC to grant the limited stay petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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