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Ms. Marlene Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Room TWB-204  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Notice of Oral Ex Parte Communications, In the Matter of Review of the Section 251 Unbundling Obligations of Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers, CC Docket Nos. 01-338, 96-98 and 98-147

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Yesterday, David Lawson, Bob Quinn and the undersigned, representing AT&T, met with John Stanley and Austin Schlick of the FCC's Office of the General Counsel and Pam Arluk and Marcus Maher of the FCC's Wireline Competition Bureau. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss Verizon's request that the Commission forbear from applying section 271's competitive checklist requirements to "broadband" network elements. We explained why granting Verizon's request would be unlawful and inconsistent with the Commission's Triennial Review Order and the statutory language of Sections 10 and 271 of the Telecom Act. All comments made at the meeting were consistent with the comments and ex partes filed by AT&T in this proceeding.

In accordance with Commission rules, I am filing one electronic copy of this notice and request that you place it in the record of the above-referenced proceedings.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "JM" followed by a horizontal line.

Joan Marsh

cc: John Stanley; Pam Arluk