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EX PARTE  
VIA ECFS

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, D. C. 20554

Re: *Section 272(f)(1) Sunset of the BOC Separate Affiliate and Related Requirements, WC Docket No. 02-112; Petition of AT&T Inc. for Forbearance Under 47 U.S.C. §160(c) With Regard to Certain Dominant Carrier Regulations for In-Region, Interexchange Services, WC Docket No. 06-120*

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Dear Ms. Dortch:

AT&T has demonstrated in previous filings in the above-captioned proceedings that the market for interstate interexchange services is extraordinarily competitive and no carrier can exercise market power in the long distance market. Earlier this year, AT&T filed voluminous data supporting these statements, which, to date, no party has even attempted to refute. AT&T urges the Commission to act quickly in granting AT&T the relief requested either in the pending rulemaking proceeding or in AT&T's forbearance petition.

At the same time, AT&T is cognizant that the Commission expressed concern about low volume residential consumers in its order forbearing from the application of dominant carrier regulation to Qwest's provision of in-region, interstate, interLATA telecommunications services<sup>1</sup>. In light of that expression of concern, AT&T hereby agrees to the following voluntary commitments. Notably, these commitments go well beyond those agreed to by Qwest.<sup>2</sup>

AT&T agrees to offer a rate plan under which residential consumers with an AT&T local access line may obtain 1+ long distance telecommunications services from

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<sup>1</sup> See *Petition of Qwest Communications International Inc. for Forbearance from Enforcement of the Commission's Dominant Carrier Rules As They Apply After Section 272 Sunset Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 160*, WC Docket No. 05-333, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 22 FCC Rcd 5207, ¶¶ 71-72 (2007).

<sup>2</sup> Letter from Melissa E. Newman, Qwest, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, WC Docket No. 05-333, February 8, 2007. As noted below, these commitments are contingent upon the Commission granting AT&T's requested relief.

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AT&T at a rate of twelve cents per minute with no monthly minimum or monthly recurring charge. In addition, to ensure that consumers have all of the information necessary to make an educated decision about which calling plan best serves their needs, AT&T also commits to provide each residential consumer who subscribes to a calling plan that establishes a single rate for unlimited wireline local exchange and 1+ long distance telecommunications service with the total number of 1+ long distance telecommunications service minutes used by that consumer each month. AT&T agrees to make these commitments available within sixty days of the effective date of an order granting AT&T nondominant status in its provision of interstate interexchange services and continuing for 36 months thereafter.

This filing is made electronically in accordance with sections 1.49(f) and 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.49(f) and 1.1206(b). Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. S. Smith", written in a cursive style.

cc: T. Navin  
D. Stockdale  
C. Shewman  
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