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EX PARTE NOTICE

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W. - Room TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Petition of AT&T Inc. For Forbearance Under 47 U.S.C. § 160(c) From Enforcement of Certain of the Commission's ARMIS Reporting Requirements, WC Docket No. 07-139; 2000 Biennial Regulatory Review -- Comprehensive Review of the Accounting Requirements and ARMIS Reporting Requirements for Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers: Phase 2 and Phase 3, CC Docket No. 00-199; In the Matter of Local Telephone Competition and Broadband Reporting, WC Docket No. 04-141

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On July 1, 2008, Frank Simone, Theodore Marcus, and the undersigned on behalf of AT&T met with Scott Deutchman, Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Copps, regarding the above-referenced proceedings. AT&T provided an overview of the issues it raised in its forbearance petition and its June 10, 2008 *ex parte* letter. No new arguments were raised during the meeting and AT&T's comments were consistent with its written comments and *ex parte* submissions in this proceeding.

Specifically, AT&T stressed that these reporting requirements, which were put in place nearly 20 years ago to monitor the transition to price caps and were designed to detect any detrimental impact on network investment, are no longer necessary. The Commission's predictive judgment that price cap regulation would spur investment has been confirmed by the billions of dollars invested by price cap carriers, including AT&T, to upgrade their networks since the early 1990s. AT&T also stressed that in the current communications environment, where competition exists among multiple carriers using varying technologies, it no longer makes sense for the Commission to collect data at issue only from a small subset of carriers. Further, as AT&T proposed in its June 10, 2008 *ex parte* letter, if the Commission determines it has a need to continue to collect all or some data currently reported in ARMIS reports 43-07 and 43-08, it should collect it from all wireline carriers *via* the Form 477. AT&T pointed out that the Commission opened a rulemaking in 2000 to evaluate whether to move all reporting to the Form 477 and that rulemaking is still open.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules, this letter is being filed electronically with the Commission. If you have any questions, please contact me on (202) 457-3033.

Sincerely

/s/ Linda S. Vandeloop
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cc: S. Deutchman