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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
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Attention: John Giusti,
Chief, International Bureau

*Re: Petition Pursuant to Rule 64.1002(d) Requesting Issuance of Settlements
Stop Payment Order on the U.S.-Tonga Route, IB Docket No. 09-10.*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This letter concerns the request by Tonga Communications Corporation (“TCC”) for confidential treatment pursuant to Sections 0.457 and 0.459 of the Commission's rules for certain information in TCC's March 16, 2009 ex parte presentation in the above-referenced proceeding. See Letter dated March 16, 2009 to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, from Joan M. Griffin, Counsel to TCC.

AT&T Inc. (“AT&T”), the petitioner in this proceeding, asks to be provided access to the information redacted from TCC's March 16, 2009 ex parte presentation.¹ AT&T requires such access in order to have a full opportunity to participate in this proceeding by having proper notice of, and an opportunity to comment on, all information submitted by TCC that may be relied upon by the Commission.

To allow such disclosure to AT&T while protecting the confidentiality interests asserted by TCC, AT&T is ready to enter into a protective order limiting such disclosure to AT&T counsel actively engaged in the conduct of this proceeding, including both in-house and outside counsel, in addition to associated attorneys, paralegals, clerical staff and other employees, to the extent reasonably necessary to render professional services in this proceeding, and specified persons requested by counsel to furnish technical or other expert advice or service, or otherwise engaged to prepare material for the express purpose of formulating filings in this proceeding. See, e.g., *Examination of Current Policy Concerning the Treatment of Confidential Information*

¹ AT&T does not address at this time whether the information for which TCC requests confidential treatment is properly withheld from public disclosure pursuant to Rules 0.457 and 0.459.

Submitted to the Commission, 13 FCC Rcd. 24816, App. C (1998) (Standard Protective Order and Declaration).

The Commission routinely balances the competing interests of protecting confidential information and allowing parties to participate effectively in a wide range of proceedings by providing for the release of confidential information under protective orders. AT&T asks the Commission to apply the same approach here and allow AT&T to review the information redacted from TCC's March 16 ex parte under a protective order.

Respectfully submitted,

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