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

Re: GN Docket No. 09-47
GN Docket No. 09-51
GN Docket No. 09-137
WT Docket No. 05-265
WT Docket No. 09-66

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On December 9, 2009, Rene Obermann, of Deutsche Telekom AG (“DT”), and Robert Dotson, Dave Miller, Tom Sugrue, Patrick Welsh, and the undersigned, all of T-Mobile USA, Inc. (“T-Mobile”), met with Chairman Julius Genachowski, Edward Lazarus, John Leibovitz, and Shomik Dutta to discuss a variety of issues relating to wireless broadband deployment.

During the meeting, the DT and T-Mobile representatives described T-Mobile’s plans to deploy HSPA+ as a bridge to 4G technology, as well as the acute need for additional spectrum to provide next-generation broadband services. In discussing new spectrum allocations, the representatives described the benefits of building a network with a mix of lower and higher frequencies that enable cost-effective coverage in rural areas and greater capacity in more densely populated areas. The representatives also emphasized that additional spectrum is critical to maintaining a competition in the U.S. wireless industry.

In addition to spectrum, the meeting participants discussed fashioning a regulatory framework that would preserve both the open nature of the Internet and create the incentives to invest in network infrastructure in the U.S. The DT and T-Mobile representatives explained how the wireless ecosystem has evolved over the last several years into a rich, compelling experience without regulation and how competition among providers promotes open networks and fosters innovation at the edge, while also encouraging investment in the core.

The meeting participants also discussed ways to provide wireless services in rural America. The DT and T-Mobile representatives described a number of successful network sharing arrangements in Europe and the U.S. In addition, since it is economically and practically infeasible to construct duplicative facilities in some areas of the country, T-Mobile reiterated its support for automatic roaming for voice and data

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services. T-Mobile also noted that entering into roaming agreements in the U.S. is efficient for both carriers and customers and that, absent an automatic roaming mandate, roaming at reasonable rates will not be provided, or may be withheld altogether, diminishing competition at the retail level and harming consumers.

Pursuant to section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, an electronic copy of this letter is being filed.

Sincerely,

/s/ Kathleen O'Brien Ham

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cc: Edward P. Lazarus
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