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VIA ECFS

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Special Access for Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers, AT&T Corp. Petition for Rulemaking to Reform Regulation of Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier Rates for Interstate Special Access Services, WC Docket No. 05-25, RM-10593

Dear Ms. Dortch:

By this letter, AT&T Inc. ("AT&T") hereby withdraws its July 14, 2011 objection to the January 14, 2011 Acknowledgements of Confidentiality filed by Ad Hoc Telecommunications User Committee ("Ad Hoc") on behalf of Susan M. Gately in the above captioned proceeding.

AT&T is withdrawing its objection based on the representations of Ad Hoc relating to the services and activities engaged in by Ms. Gately on behalf of her clients as described in Ad Hoc's August 3, 2011 response to AT&T's objection and in the attached email correspondence from Ad Hoc to AT&T's counsel. Based on these representations, it is AT&T's understanding that the services Ms. Gately provides to her clients do not involve advice or participation in the business decisions (including pricing decisions) or the analysis underlying relevant business decisions of her clients in competition with or in a business relationship with (*e.g.*, customers of) AT&T.

Please call me with any questions.



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Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Christopher T. Shenk

Attachment

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From: Boothby, Colleen [cboothby@lb3law.com]
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Per our discussion, below is the more detailed description of Susan Gately's consulting practice provided to you yesterday:

Susan Gately, through her consulting firm SMGately Consulting, LLC ("SMG-C"), provides economic and public policy analysis in the communications and information technology arenas. She is an expert in the areas of communications industry structure; regulatory regimes; state and interstate cost accounting and cost development regulations and policies; access charges; tariffs; the pricing and rate structure of regulated services; and telecom service and network technologies. She provides economic expertise, analysis, and litigation support in the form of expert testimony, affidavits, declarations, white papers, analyses, formal pleadings, and educational briefings regarding the following:

- Economic issues raised in regulatory and policy proceedings before the FCC and state regulatory commissions;
- Disputes between purchasers of communications service and their vendors regarding the applicability of tariffs or regulatory requirements and vendor compliance therewith.

Ms Gately also advises clients on the potential financial impact of pending or newly adopted regulatory actions. Ms Gately's client base includes regulators and purchasers of communications services.

As for the "competitive decision-making" activities identified in the FCC's protective orders for WC Docket No. 05-25, Ms Gately's "activities, association, or relationship" with her clients do not "involve advice about or participation in the relevant business decisions or the analysis underlying the relevant business decisions" of her clients.

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