



March 15, 2013

*Ex Parte Notice*

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

AT&T Petition to Launch a Proceeding Concerning the TDM-to-IP Transition; Petition of the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association for a Rulemaking to Promote and Sustain the Ongoing TDM-to-IP Evolution, GN Docket No. 12-353

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Thursday, March 14, 2013, the undersigned, on behalf of AARP and the National Consumer Law Center (NCLC), met with Priscilla Argeris, Legal Advisor and Alex Hoehn-Saric, Policy Director to Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel, to discuss matters in the above-referenced proceeding.

During that conversation, AARP expressed positions consistent with prior submittal of comments (filed January 28, 2013) and reply comments (filed February 25, 2013) in this docket. In the conversation, AARPs affirmed its support for advanced telecommunications technologies and deemed the objectives of ubiquitous and reasonably priced communications networks apply regardless of the technology platform utilized to deliver the services. We also stressed the following: Migration from TDM services should be driven by consumer demand, not carrier convenience; State preemption is not a reasonable approach; Interconnection issues are technology neutrals and require ongoing oversight; and that regulation is not impeding broadband investment. NCLC raised the concerns with the ILEC supported state bills to eliminate the state Lifeline programs as an additional backdrop to the AT&T petition.

Ms. Argeris and Mr. Hoehn-Saric were given copies of the AARP booklet, *“IP Transition and Consumer Protection, AT&T’s Petition is the Wrong Path Forward.”* That booklet is attached.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission’s rules, a copy of this letter is being filed via ECFS. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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