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March 14, 2014

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

RE: Technology Transitions Policy Task Force, GN Docket No. 13-5

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On March 12, 2014, the undersigned and Samuel J. Kline, Senior Vice President – Corporate Strategy of Granite Telecommunications, LLC (“Granite”) and Kevin Joseph of the Joseph Group met with Gigi B. Sohn, Special Counsel for External Affairs, Daniel Alvarez, Legal Advisor to Chairman Wheeler, Matthew S. DelNero, Deputy Bureau Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau and Timothy Stelzig, Deputy Division Chief of the Competition Policy Division, regarding the above matter.

Granite stated its intent and interest in participating in AT&T’s proposed trials. Because of Granite’s large number of business customers (over 1.3 million business lines in the US) and the nature of those customer locations (often branch sites with relatively limited communications needs at each individual site), Granite may be one of the few CLECs who have impacted customers in Carbon Hill, AL and Kings Point, FL, the two sites that AT&T picked for its initial trial.

Granite expressed concerns regarding the lack of information in AT&T’s proposal. For example, for CLECs that purchase services through AT&T’s Local Wholesale Complete product, AT&T’s proposal does not indicate what the replacement product will be or when the product will be available, instead indicating that information was still “TBD.” The lack of information makes it impossible for Granite or its customers to plan what specific products and services will be available and how much those products and services will cost. Consequently, before the trial proposal can be meaningfully evaluated, AT&T will need to furnish this information.

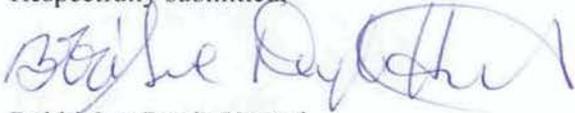
Throughout the discussion, Granite stated concerns for its customers with regards to quality of service, functionality of any proposed products, the continued need for a competitive market, and the bifurcation of the term “consumer” into two buckets; business consumers and residential consumers.

Granite stated that it intends to remain active in this docket and looks forward to further discussions with both AT&T and the Commission regarding these proposed trials.

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Granite also provided the meeting attendees with a copy of the attached presentation.

Respectfully submitted,

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Bobbi-Sue Doyle-Hazard
Associate Corporate Counsel
Granite Telecommunications, LLC

CC: Meeting Attendees

Attachment