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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Room TW-A325  
Washington, D.C. 20554

***Ex Parte Communication***

**Re: Acceleration of Broadband Deployment  
WC Docket No. 11-59; WT Docket Nos. 13-238, 13-32**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On September 4, 2014, Joan Marsh, Jeanine Poltronieri, Robert Vitanza, and Colleen Thompson, representing AT&T, met with Roger Sherman, Chad Breckinridge, Patricia Robbins, Jeff Steinberg and Peter Trachtenberg of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Acceleration of Broadband Deployment docket.

AT&T discussed the importance of streamlining and accelerating small cell and DAS deployments, and in particular, categorically excluding these deployments from National Environmental Policy Act and National Historic Preservation Act review. Small cell/ DAS deployments are of great benefit to consumers, as they allow carriers to expand their networks to provide coverage in areas that are hard or impossible to reach with a traditional macro tower. AT&T expressed support for the cubic volume-based definition of small cell/DAS previously submitted into the record by PCIA. AT&T also discussed proposals to clarify definitions under Section 6409 and to make permanent the current interim waiver from the environmental notice process for temporary towers.

The FCC discussed its initiation of a multi-phase effort to prioritize infrastructure. AT&T applauded the FCC's recently released Part 17 Order, which is part of that effort and expressed interest in continuing to work with the Bureau on these initiatives.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, an electronic copy of this letter is being filed for inclusion in the above-referenced docket.

Sincerely,

/s/  
Jeanine Poltronieri

cc: Roger Sherman  
Chad Breckinridge  
Patricia Robbins  
Jeffrey Steinberg  
Peter Trachtenberg