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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th 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 15, 2014, Jeanine Poltronieri and Robert Vitanza, representing AT&T, spoke via telephone with Chad Breckinridge 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. In this regard, AT&T expressed support for the three part cubic volume-based definition of small cell/DAS previously submitted into the record by PCIA. AT&T also expressed its view that the FCC has authority to establish a categorical exclusion for small cell/DAS because of their *de minimis* impact on the environment and historical properties, as detailed in AT&T's July 29, 2014, *ex parte* letter. AT&T also discussed proposals to clarify definitions under Section 6409 such as the definition of "substantial change in physical dimensions."

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,

Jeanine Poltronieri

cc: Chad Breckinridge