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

Re: **Ex Parte Letter**
In the Matter of Preserving the Open Internet, GN Docket No. 09-191;
Broadband Industry Practices, WC Docket 07-52

Dear Ms. Dortch,

On Tuesday, November 17, 2009, Jim Cicconi, Senior Executive Vice President-External and legislative Affairs with AT&T, met with Edward P. Lazarus, Chief of Staff to Chairman Julius Genachowski. During this meeting, AT&T reiterated its position in the above matters. All discussions at this meeting were consistent with the comments and ex partes that AT&T has previously filed in the above proceedings. Mr. Cicconi addressed some of AT&T's concerns with respect to several of the Commission's proposals contained in the NPRM issued on October 22, 2009. Specifically, Mr. Cicconi expressed AT&T's view that imposing a non-discrimination standard that does not contain some form of reasonableness limitation would be more restrictive than the prohibition against "unreasonable discrimination" adopted for monopoly-era telephone companies in the Communications Act of 1934. Additionally, Mr. Cicconi reiterated AT&T's view that the Commission focus in this area should be on anti-consumer or anticompetitive conduct and thus a restrictive non-discrimination standard would be inappropriate. Mr. Cicconi also discussed the issues raised in AT&T's letters dated September 25 and October 14, 2009 concerning Google Voice's practice of blocking voice calls to certain rural telephone numbers. Finally, Mr. Cicconi commended the Commission's proposal to create a technical advisory panel of network engineers to provide advice on these issues as a constructive step forward in this debate.

In accordance with Commission rules, this letter is being filed electronically with your office for inclusion in the public record.

Should you have any questions regarding the above, please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

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cc: Edward P. Lazarus