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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> St. SW, Rm. TW-A325 Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re:** Application of AT&T and Deutsche Telekom AG (Applicants) for Consent to Assign or Transfer Control of Licenses and Authorizations (WT Docket No. 11-65)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

In its PETITION TO DENY, Tel*LAW*Com Labs Inc. asked whether Merger Conditions would be part of the AT&T / T-Mobile merger. Applicants' Response has done little to assuage our concerns.

Applicant claims that "None of these allegations is even arguably merger-specific." <sup>1</sup> We beg to differ. The FCC and other governmental bodies have broad jurisdiction to investigate Applicants' past history as part of the approval process. AT&T refers to TelLAWCom Labs Petition to Deny as "cursory allegations" and states "In short, these claims have no merit." To us this proves that the Applicants just don't get it. Indeed, all potentially-negative effects of this Merger should be investigated as part of due diligence. Minor procedural issues raised by Applicant, such as Affidavits, are irrelevant.<sup>2</sup>

"Mr. Wrobel, who is essentially in the business of filing claims against AT&T, apparently is using this merger proceeding to support his consulting business." In reply please refer to the first page of our May 30, 2011 Petition to Deny. We clearly stated TelLAWCom Labs is a consultancy. More importantly we stated that we are in business due in large part to AT&T's conduct with regard to its past commitments. The expansive history provided to underscore this point did not magically materialize by itself.

In summary, nothing in the Applicants' Response addressed Merger Conditions or track record on past guarantees. The only Reply found was in *Miscellaneous Issues*, suggesting the issue as an afterthought to the Applicants. In a \$39 billion deal, merger commitments and preconditions are not afterthoughts, they are indispensable tools to protect the public welfare. They should be stipulated, monitored, and enforced.

Yours truly,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Applicants Response Pg. 228.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Our understanding is that Affidavits are not necessarily in order to file comments, oppositions, or whistle-blower reports.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Please note in its 5/20/2011 Response to AT&T *Objection to Confidentiality* TelLAWCom Labs stated it has no business or financial interest *whatsoever* in any major wireless carrier in competition with the Applicants.

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