



# CITY OF ROYSTON

"A BETTER HOMETOWN COMMUNITY"

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Federal Communications Commission  
c/o Marlene Dortch, Secretary  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

***WT 11-65: In the Matter of applications of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for consent to assign or Transfer Control of licenses and Authorizations***

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

The pace of life is a step slower in northeast Georgia. That said, we are constantly working to generate economic growth. While we have good schools and an excellent workforce, we face a competitive disadvantage because we are not connected to a mobile broadband network.


For that reason, we support AT&T's bid to acquire T-Mobile because it will bring improved service to our community. On its part, AT&T is committed to investing billions of dollars to extend its 4G network to cover a million square miles of the nation presently without high speed broadband.

Royston and other rural communities will immediately find themselves on a more level technological playing field. When we can add mobile broadband to the list of qualities that make Royston appealing, we will strengthen our economic development team's ability to market the community.

This connectivity will also benefit our existing businesses, opening new markets through greater efficiencies. As they improve productivity, they may find opportunities to expand and create new jobs for their neighbors. City government will also benefit from access to a fast wireless network, enabling better communication with citizens in the event of a disaster.

President Obama has identified universal broadband as a priority of his administration. The reality is the federal government is in no position to allocate the funding necessary to make it happen any time soon.

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The AT&T and T-Mobile merger is an example of how private industry can step in where government cannot. We ask that you grant your consent to this merger so we can grasp this opportunity and allow residents of rural communities, like Royston, to share the information superhighway.

Sincerely,



David L. Jordan, Mayor  
City of Royston, GA

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