

October 24, 2011

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

Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* presentation in WT Docket No. 11-65; WC Docket No. 10-90;  
GN Docket No. 09-51; WC Docket No. 07-135; WC Docket No. 05-337; CC  
Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On October 20, 2011, I met with Edward Lazarus, Chief of Staff to Chairman Genachowski.

I first urged that the Commission promptly designate for hearing the application for FCC consent to transfer licenses of T-Mobile to AT&T. The record of this transaction is now complete, and the evidence is overwhelming that the takeover of T-Mobile by AT&T would lead to less choice, higher prices and reduced innovation, and therefore would not be in the public interest. There are no factors that mitigate in favor of delay. To the contrary, further delay could harm competition by leaving T-Mobile in a state of limbo, undermining the company's incentive to compete aggressively in the marketplace while regulatory proceedings remain pending.

Second, with respect to the Commission's effort to reform the Universal Service Fund (USF), I urged that the Commission require USF fund recipients make interconnection points and backhaul capacity available to local broadband providers in underserved areas. This could allow some local communities to that otherwise could not.

Respectfully submitted,



Gigi B. Sohn  
President

cc: Edward Lazarus