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*EX PARTE*

July 29, 2016

VIA ECFS

The Honorable Thomas Wheeler  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *WC Docket No. 16-143, Business Data Services in an Internet Protocol Environment; WC Docket No. 15-247, Investigation of Certain Price Cap Local Exchange Carrier Business Data Services Tariff Pricing Plans; WC Docket No. 05-25, Special Access for Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers; RM-10593, AT&T Corporation Petition for Rulemaking to Reform Regulation of Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier Rates for Interstate Special Access Services.*

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

Thank you for your continuing efforts to improve both wireline and wireless broadband access in rural America and promote competitive broadband markets. I am writing to emphasize the importance of ensuring that the final rule in the Commission's Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FNPRM)<sup>1</sup> on business data services is based on accurate industry data and promotes strong continued investment in broadband infrastructure. In particular, I share the concerns expressed to you in the recent letter, submitted by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC), that the Commission should use all the available data, including the data submitted earlier this year by major cable operators, to both measure competitive markets accurately and ensure that potential regulations in less competitive markets properly reflect marketplace conditions.

I strongly believe that good decisions can be made with good information. The rule changes you are considering in the FNPRM are important steps in addressing adverse market conditions; however, they will only serve the public interest if they reflect the most accurate data possible. Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jay Inslee".

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<sup>1</sup> WC Docket No. 16-143; WC Docket No. 15-247; WC Docket No. 05-25; RM-10593.

