



February 5, 2007

Renee J. Jenkins, Secretary  
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
180 East Broad St., 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793

Re: AT&T Ohio  
Case No. 02-3069-TP-ALT

Dear Ms Jenkins:

This letter serves as notice of an ex parte communication pursuant to Section 4901-1-09 of the Commission's rules. On January 29, 2007, several AT&T Ohio regulatory personnel, including myself, were present on a telephone conference call in which the Lifeline Ohio Board conducted its regularly scheduled business meeting. AT&T Ohio has one member on the Board and two representatives who participate in Board meetings. The three of them were on the conference call. Also participating on the conference call was Commissioner Fergus and representatives of the Commission staff and the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel, along with their attorneys.

In addition to conducting its regular business activities, the Board invited discussion by the participants on AT&T Ohio's request for a waiver of certain restrictions placed on the company under its alternative regulation plan that impact its service to Lifeline customers. In response, significant support for the waiver was offered by many Board members.

For AT&T Ohio, Becky Sutherland, associate director of consumer affairs, regarding the company's marketing practices, emphasized that it is not in the best interest of the company to ultimately have customers disconnected. She further explained that the company has processes in place that restrict sales to certain customers, including Lifeline customers. In addition, AT&T Ohio Board member, Mary Jo Wenckus, associate director of Lifeline Ohio, addressed the disconnection non-payment rate for Lifeline customers.

The waiver was filed on January 12, 2007, in Case No. 02-3069-TP-ALT.

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Thank you for your courtesy and assistance in this matter. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

*Mary Ryan Felson*

Cc: Commissioner Fergus  
Duane Luckey  
All parties



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