STATEMENT OF  
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Re:  Ensuring Customer Premises Equipment Backup Power for Continuity of Communications, PS  
Retirement Of Copper Loops by Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers, RM-11358, Special Access  
for Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers, WC Docket No. 05-25, AT&T Corporation Petition for  
Rulemaking to Reform Regulation of Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier Rates for Interstate  
Special Access Services, RM-10593.

Our world is changing. The digitization of our networks, our content, our commerce, and our  
lives is well underway. The ways we connect, create, educate, entertain, and govern ourselves will never  
be the same.

This is exciting. But on the way to this future we are going to need new communications  
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what has come before. After all, the enduring values in our law that have shaped our success in the past  
can also shape our success going forward. So as we contemplate big, bold, and historic changes in our  
infrastructure, our work must be informed by the four basic values that have always been at the core of  
communications policy—public safety, universal access, competition, and consumer protection. They  
must be the guideposts for everything we do.

These values inform our work today. So I am pleased to support the Notice of Proposed  
Rulemaking and Declaratory Ruling before us and commend the focus in the text on the essential values  
of public safety, competition, and consumer protection.

First, public safety. Technology evolves but our need to stay connected to emergency services  
does not. As consumers migrate away from traditional copper telephony to newer technologies, we seek  
comment on how to sustain backup power during outages and emergencies. This is important.

Second, competition. The competitive markets that have spurred so much technological  
innovation in the past will be the most effective means of making sure consumers reap the benefits of  
network transition in the future. So today we seek comment on copper retirement practices and service  
discontinuance rules. I hope the record that develops helps us understand how we can continue to foster  
competition as infrastructure is upgraded.

Last but not least, consumer protection. Consumers need to understand what is happening as old  
copper networks are retired and new services come on the market. So I am pleased we seek comment on  
how to provide notice to consumers when infrastructure is retired and how to do a better job with  
consumer education.

In short, we ask a lot of questions. We explore a lot of complicated issues. This is the right thing  
to do—because big change is underway. So I look forward to working with my colleagues on these  
issues and look forward to making sure our new networks yield new possibilities and new opportunities  
for everyone.