COMMISSION OPENS DOCKET FOR PROPOSED TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF DIRECTV TO AT&T INC.

MB Docket No. 14-90

On May 18, 2014, AT&T Inc. (“AT&T”) and DIRECTV announced an agreement pursuant to which AT&T seeks to acquire DIRECTV in a stock-and-cash transaction. As part of the transaction, AT&T also plans to divest its interest in América Móvil, a telecommunications company headquartered in Mexico. Applications seeking Commission consent to the assignment or transfer of control of the licenses and authorizations held by DIRECTV are expected. The purpose of this public notice is to announce the opening of a docket, MB Docket No. 14-90, and to establish the ex parte status of discussions related to the proposed transaction. When the applications have been accepted for filing, we will issue a separate public notice announcing that fact and setting forth a pleading schedule.

Pursuant to section 1.1200(a) of the Commission’s rules, the Commission may in its discretion modify the ex parte procedures in particular proceedings if the public interest so requires. We announce that this proceeding will be governed by the permit-but-disclose ex parte procedures that are applicable to non-restricted proceedings under section 1.1206 of the Commission’s rules. Parties making oral ex parte presentations are reminded that they must file notices of the presentations that contain, with regard to material already in the written record, either a succinct summary of the matters discussed or a citation to the page or paragraph number in the party’s written submission(s) where the matters discussed can be found, and with regard to any new information, a summary of the new data and arguments presented. Memoranda must contain a summary of the substance of the ex parte presentation and not merely a listing of the subjects discussed. More than a one or two sentence description of the views and arguments presented is generally required. All of the disclosure requirements pertaining to oral and written ex parte presentations are set forth in section 1.1206(b).

Notices of ex parte presentations, which must include a reference to MB Docket No. 14-90, shall be filed electronically in machine-readable format via the Commission’s Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS). See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings, 63 FR 24121 (1998). Also, one copy of each ex parte notice must be delivered electronically, by e-mail or facsimile, or if delivered as paper copy, by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (according to the procedures set forth above for paper filings), to: (1) the Commission’s duplicating contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc., at fcc@bcpiweb.com, or

1 47 C.F.R. § 1.1200(a).
2 Id. § 1.1206.
3 Id. § 1.1206(b).
Any submission that is e-mailed to Best Copy and Printing Inc. and the persons listed above should include in the subject line of the e-mail: (1) MB Docket No. 14-90; (2) the name of the submitting party; and (3) a brief description or title identifying the type of document being submitted (e.g., MB Docket No. 14-90, AT&T Inc., *Ex Parte* Notice).

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