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**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,[[1]](#footnote-1) 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.[[2]](#footnote-2) 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).[[3]](#footnote-3)

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 (202) 488-5563 (facsimile); (2) Vanessa Lemmé, Industry Analysis Division, Media Bureau, at Vanessa.Lemme@fcc.gov, or (202) 418-2053 (facsimile); (3) Brendan Holland, Industry Analysis Division, Media Bureau, at Brendan.Holland@fcc.gov, or (202) 418-2053 (facsimile); (4) Christopher Sova, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, at [Christoper.Sova@fcc.gov](mailto:Christoper.Sova@fcc.gov), or (202) 418-1413 (facsimile); (5) Jim Bird, Office of General Counsel, at TransactionTeam@fcc.gov, or (202) 418-1234 (facsimile); and (6) each Commissioner or Commission employee who attended or otherwise participated in the *ex parte* meeting.

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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1. 47 C.F.R. § 1.1200(a). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. *Id.* § 1.1206. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. *Id.* § 1.1206(b). [↑](#footnote-ref-3)