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**Re: *AT&T Corp. v. Iowa Network Services, Inc. d/b/a Aureon Network Services,*
Proceeding Number 17-56, Bureau ID Number EB-17-MD-001**

Dear Counsel:

This letter ruling suspends the proceedings associated with the Petition for Reconsideration filed by Iowa Network Services, Inc. d/b/a Aureon Network Services (Aureon)¹ and the filing deadline for Aureon's revised tariff pursuant to the *Liability Order* entered in the above-referenced proceeding.²

The parties have agreed to mediate this dispute, and in order to better focus their attention and resources on the mediation, have requested that the Commission postpone certain filing deadlines.³

A settlement of this dispute could obviate the need for the Commission to address Aureon's Petition and the need for damages proceedings in this proceeding. The Commission has broad discretion to "conduct its [formal complaint] proceedings as will best conduce to the proper dispatch of business and to the ends of justice."⁴ In light of the parties' agreement to mediate this dispute, we find that the appropriate exercise of

¹ Petition for Reconsideration, Proceeding Number 17-56, Bureau ID Number EB-17-MD-001 (filed Dec. 8, 2017) (Petition).

² See *AT&T Corp. v. Iowa Network Services, Inc. d/b/a Aureon Network Services*, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 2017 WL 5237210 (2017) (*Liability Order*).

³ See Email from Michael Hunseder, Counsel for AT&T to Lisa B. Griffin, Deputy Chief, FCC Enforcement Bureau, MDRD (dated December 15, 2017; Email from James U. Troup, Counsel for Aureon, to Lisa B. Griffin, Deputy Chief, FCC Enforcement Bureau, MDRD (dated Dec. 20, 2017).

⁴ 47 U.S.C. § 154(j). See, e.g., 47 U.S.C. § 154(i); *Implementation of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Amendment of Rules Governing Procedures to Be Followed When Formal Complaints Are Filed Against Common Carriers*, Report and Order, 12 FCC Rcd 22497 (1997).

our discretion warrants suspending the Petition proceedings and the filing of Aureon's revised tariff currently due on January 8, 2018 (Revised Tariff Filing). We are satisfied that this will serve the public interest by eliminating the need for the expenditure of additional time and resources by the parties and this Commission until such time as is warranted. Accordingly, the Petition proceeding is stayed and the Revised Tariff Filing deadline is postponed until January 25, 2018.

This letter ruling is issued pursuant to Sections 4(i), 4(j), and 208 of the Act, 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(i), 154(j), 208, Sections 1.720-1.736 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §§ 1.720-1.736, and the authority delegated in Sections 0.111 and 0.311 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §§ 0.111, 0.311.

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