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I, Patrick Hendricks, declare:

- 1. I am the plaintiff in this action. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth in this declaration, and, if called as a witness, could and would competently testify thereto under oath.
- 2. I currently work as Adjunct Faculty at Contra Costa Community College District and Online Faculty at Columbia College in Missouri. I make less than \$100,000 per year but more than \$33,000.
- 3. In this action, I allege that AT&T's bills systematically overstate data usage, which caused me to incur a \$15 charge for excess data usage on my November 2010 bill. I seek to recover that \$15 and an injunction requiring AT&T to cease the improper billing of data usage.
- 4. I understand that the rules of the American Arbitration Association would require me to pay a filing fee of \$3,350 and an additional administrative fee of \$1,250 before the first hearing in an individual arbitration. It would be a significant economic hardship for me to pay those fees. It would also be irrational for me to pay \$4,600 to get a hearing on a dispute over a \$15 charge. That is something I just won't do.
- 5. I understand that it would cost approximately \$290,524.11 to pay expert witness costs, arbitrator compensation, and administrative fees to pursue my claims in an individual arbitration administered by the American Arbitration Association. I could not possibly afford to pay those costs as they far exceed my annual income. Nor would it make sense for me to pay those costs to seek a \$15 recovery on my individual claim.
- 6. I also understand that it would cost approximately \$1.1 million in attorneys' fees plus an additional \$40,000 in attorneys' expenses to pursue my claims in an individual arbitration. I could not possibly afford to pay those fees and costs nor would it make sense for me to do so since my individual claim is worth only \$15.
- 7. If I cannot pursue my claims as part of a class action, I will not be able to pursue them at all because the costs of an individual arbitration are too high.

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct, and that this declaration was executed at Oakland, California this 5th day of August, 2011.

Patrick Hendricks