

# **EXHIBIT A**

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The Honorable Ellen S. Huvelle  
United States District Court for the District of Columbia  
333 Constitution Avenue, N.W.  
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The Honorable Richard A. Levie  
2809 University Terrace, N.W.  
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RE: *USA, et al. v. AT&T, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 1:11-cv-01560

Dear Judges Huvelle and Levie:

I write regarding Google's letter from earlier today, in which it sought clarification on the due date for its reply in support of its motion to amend the Protective Order. Defendants proposed October 14, 2011, as the due date for Google's reply so that the motion would be fully briefed in time for Judge Levie to resolve it at the conference scheduled for October 18, 2011, at 8:30 a.m. Prompt resolution of Google's motion is necessary because, while its motion is pending, Google is refusing to permit the Department of Justice to provide Defendants with the confidential documents that Google produced in response to the Department's Civil Investigative Demand.

Respectfully submitted,

*/s/ Mark C. Hansen*

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Enclosures

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