UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

AT&T INC. et al.,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 11-01560 (ESH)

Referred to Special Master Levie

REPLY MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS' MOTION SEEKING RELIEF TO FACILITATE EFFICIENT TRIAL PREPARATION

Plaintiffs seek narrow relief imposing no burden on Defendants—the ability to discuss specific materials with people who already have access to those materials. Defendants do not dispute that, yet seek to suppress that discussion for four reasons. None is persuasive.

First, Defendants assert that the Court rejected "the same arguments" raised here, citing Sprint's motion seeking Defendants' *entire* production. (Opp'n at 3.) To the contrary, the requested relief—tailored to specific FCC filings—was not at issue in Sprint's motion.

Second, with respect to need, Defendants' models rest on assumptions about the way wireless firms operate. Discussing those models with outside counsel and consultants will facilitate identification of the most knowledgeable witnesses to address those assumptions.

Third, Defendants grossly exaggerate the volume of documents at issue. Plaintiffs seek to discuss models and their supporting materials that Defendants submitted to the FCC. We listed Defendants' productions that include that discrete set of materials in our proposed order. Our motion is limited to the models and their supporting materials—not every document in those productions.

Fourth, the motion's practical effect is to enable discussion with those representing witnesses who may appear at trial, and we will limit our discussion at this point to outside counsel and consultants for Sprint. We will provide 24 hours' notice before discussing the materials with anyone else so Defendants may raise any objection to specific counsel or consultants.

Dated: November 19, 2011 Respectfully submitted,

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