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TO: PTA Member Companies

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SUBJECT: AT&T Formal Complaint – Access Charges

Attached please find a Formal Complaint which was filed late yesterday by AT&T alleging that RLEC intrastate access rates are unjust, unreasonable and subsequently in violation of Section 1301 of the Public Utility Code.

As you are aware, the PUC currently has an open and active docket on access charges and universal service funding. The AT&T Complaint does not appear to add anything of substance to that debate but rather “pile on” the company’s perspectives on the benefits of mirroring intra-and inter-state access charges.

The PTA is considering the best course of action and, as always, appreciates Member Company input.