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Ms. Judith B. Herman
Federal Communications Commission
Room 1-B441
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D. C. 20554

Re: **REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT**
Communications Providers Emergency Contact Information OMB Control
Number: 3060-1003

Dear Ms. Herman:

AT&T, Inc., on behalf of itself and its affiliates, hereby submits its comments in the above-captioned matter ("Notice"). According to the Notice, the Commission is seeking to "update the manner in which it collects emergency contact information, and in the event of an actual emergency to allow communications providers to input critical information about network status and resource requirements of communications providers." The information at issue is, obviously, highly sensitive, as the Notice recognizes. Carriers provide this information to the Commission (and other agencies with a need to know) subject to confidentiality provisions. However, under the present application of the Commission's rules, carriers must separately request -- on each occasion that a filing with such information is made -- confidential treatment upon peril that the information will be made part of the public domain.

This requirement, although routine, is both unnecessary and cumbersome. The emergency contact information should automatically be treated as confidential upon filing, without the need for a separate confidentiality request. This treatment is more consistent with both the underlying carrier sensitivities regarding the confidential nature of the information, and also the Commission's public safety mandates that the information is intended to serve.

Accordingly, AT&T respectfully requests that future filings of emergency contact and related information, as required by the Commission, be automatically treated as confidential under the Commission's confidentiality rules.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me at 202.457.2044.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Theodore C. Marcus".

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AT&T Services, Inc.