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Mr. Adam Teitzman, Clerk
Division of the Commission and Administrative Services
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0805

Re: Docket No.: 20240000

Dear Mr. Teitzman:

Attached for filing, please find the AT&T Annual Pole Inspection and Maintenance Report for BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T Florida, pursuant to Section 5 of the Florida Administrative Code Rule 25-18.020, effective May 1, 2022.

Acknowledgement, date of receipt and authority number of this filing are requested. Your consideration and approval will be appreciated.

If you have additional questions, please contact me at (850) 228-0231.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Madeline Warrington".

Manager – External Affairs

Attachment

ANNUAL POLE INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE REPORT – 2024

BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T Florida

BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T Florida (“AT&T Florida”) submits its 2024 Annual Pole Inspection and Maintenance Report pursuant to Rule 25-18.020(6), Florida Administrative Code.

AT&T Florida provides the data shown in the table below as required by Rule 25-18.020(6)(a)1-9:

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| (a)1. | The number of poles owned in whole or in part by the communications service provider at the beginning and at the end of the calendar year | Beginning 2023: 278,388 End 2023: 290,071 |
| (a)2. | The number of poles that were scheduled for inspection | 14,168 |
| (a)3. | The number of poles actually inspected | 18,959 |
| (a)4. | The number of poles that failed inspection | 6,006 |
| (a)5. | The number of poles strength tested and the methods used to ensure compliance with the NESC strength requirements | 18,926 In addition to physical inspections of pole condition, AT&T Florida’s inspection vendor uses “Load-Calc” to analyze and perform structural analysis to ensure compliance with the NESC structural requirements. Load-Calc incorporates the NESC standards within its program. |
| (a)6. | The number of poles that failed strength testing | 116 |
| (a)7. | The number of poles repaired and a summary of the repairs | 671 The poles were repaired using the CTruss, C2Truss, or Tall Truss process. |

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| (a)8. | The number of poles replaced and reason for replacement | 1,554 Poles are replaced for a variety of reasons including structural issues, service/customer requests, make-ready activities, road moves or other matters. 1,410 of the poles replaced were due to failure of structural testing; the remainder were replaced for reasons described. |
| (a)9. | The total miles of vegetation management conducted | 115 Vegetation management performed by joint-use IOUs resolves the vast bulk of vegetation issues for communications facilities. The miles of vegetation managed in the current reporting year is in addition to the amount of vegetation management of the joint-use IOUs. The additional amount was generated by activities in field that required additional vegetation management. |

AT&T Florida provides the data shown in the table below as required by Rule 25-18.020(6)(b)1-2:

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| (b)1. | The number of poles to be inspected | 45,098 |
| (b)2. | The total miles for which vegetation management will be conducted | 243 This is the amount of vegetation management anticipated based on past management activities. |