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CPUC Public Advisor's Office
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Application 23-03-002 and 23-03-003

To whom it may concern:

Pliocene Ridge CSD functions as the fire district for the southwest corner of Sierra County. Our district covers approximately 115 square miles of mountainous terrain. The CSD provides Fire and Emergency Medical Services to our rural population.

This area does not have reliable cell coverage. Many areas within our jurisdiction have no cell coverage at all. The majority of our residents rely on landlines as the only means of calling 911 in the event of an emergency.

If AT&T is permitted to withdraw its Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designation and its Carrier of Last Resort Obligation it will essentially push our communication capabilities back to where they were in the 1940s. This will have a devastating impact on both our resident's ability to ask for help in the event of an emergency and the district's ability to respond, due to potential problems with dispatch.

Our Fire Departments are dispatched through the Sierra County Sheriff's Office. The Dispatch center relies on copper (hardlines) especially in the event of power failures when cell towers don't work.

The Pliocene Ridge Community Services District board and staff urges the CPUC to deny both applications referenced in the subject line. This is done on behalf of the communities that we serve.

Sincerely,

Larry Allen
President