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Dear Honorable Commissioners:

This letter is sent in response to your request for an update regarding the formal complaint (Docket No. UT-051853) initiated by the Norse Home Retirement Community against AT&T. I am pleased to inform the Commission that an informal agreement and compromise settlement amount, acceptable to Norse Home, was reached on January 25th. This was an oral, rather than written, offer of settlement, tendered by a person who stated his authority to make such an offer.

I immediately communicated the substance of the settlement to Melissa Waksman in their legal department. I did not receive any sense from her that there would be impediments at their end in the road to a final resolution. As part of the settlement Norse Home would agree to withdraw the formal complaint against AT&T.

However, as of this date, Norse Home has not received the formal paperwork that needs to be executed to conclude the settlement. Therefore, we respectfully request an additional period of 90 days, per the recommendation of Mr. Bob Wallis, before scheduling the formal hearing before the Commission, if that becomes necessary. It is our hope and expectation that a formal settlement can be executed within this time frame.

Very truly yours,

Robert Solem, Administrator

Cc: Mary Anne Allen, Docket Manager, 919 Congress St, Ste 900, Austin, TX, 78701