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**Memorandum**

**Date:** February 27, 2024

**To:** The Honorable Lake County Board of Supervisors

**From:** Susan Parker, County Administrative Officer  
Matthew Rothstein, Chief Deputy County Administrative Officer

**Subject:** Consideration of a Letter Asking the California Public Utilities Commission to Reject AT&T California’s Request to be Relieved of Carrier of Last Resort Obligations

**Executive Summary:**

As you will be aware, in connection to CPUC Proceeding A.23-03-003, AT&T California is requesting approval to be relieved of its Carrier of Last Resort (COLR) obligations in many areas of California, including the following Lake County communities:

- Clearlake Oaks CDP and surrounding areas
- Clearlake Riviera CDP and surrounding areas
- Clearlake city and surrounding areas
- Cobb CDP and surrounding areas
- Hidden Valley Lake CDP and surrounding areas
- Kelseyville CDP and surrounding areas
- Lakeport city and surrounding areas
- Lower Lake CDP and surrounding areas
- Lucerne CDP and surrounding areas
- Middletown CDP and surrounding areas
- Nice CDP and surrounding areas

- North Lakeport CDP and surrounding area
- Soda Bay CDP and surrounding areas
- Spring Valley CDP and surrounding areas
- Upper Lake CDP and surrounding areas

The attached Letter documents significant concerns that would arise, were this application approved. California lacks uniform and technology neutral minimum quality standards for telecommunications providers, for example. As a result, Plain Old Telephone Services (POTS) is frequently a critical backstop when lesser-regulated technologies provide inadequate service. Maintaining Carrier of Last Resort obligations, where no clearly sufficient alternative is available, is essential to maximizing continuity of service.

Staff recommends that your Board approve this Letter, and authorize the Chair to sign.

**If not budgeted, fill in the blanks below only:**

Estimated Cost: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Budgeted: \_\_\_\_\_ Additional Requested: \_\_\_\_\_ Future Annual Cost: \_\_\_\_\_

**Purchasing Considerations** (check all that apply):

Not applicable

- Fully Article X. <[https://library.municode.com/ca/lake\\_county/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=COOR\\_CH2AD\\_ARTXPU\\_S2-38EXCOBI](https://library.municode.com/ca/lake_county/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=COOR_CH2AD_ARTXPU_S2-38EXCOBI)>- and/or Consultant Selection Policy <[http://lcnnet.co.lake.ca.us/Assets/Intranet/Policy/Policies+26+Procedures+Manual/Ch4\\_2021v2.pdf](http://lcnnet.co.lake.ca.us/Assets/Intranet/Policy/Policies+26+Procedures+Manual/Ch4_2021v2.pdf)>-Compliant (describe process undertaken in "Executive Summary")
- Section 2-38 <[https://library.municode.com/ca/lake\\_county/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=COOR\\_CH2AD\\_ARTXPU\\_S2-38EXCOBI](https://library.municode.com/ca/lake_county/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=COOR_CH2AD_ARTXPU_S2-38EXCOBI)> Exemption from Competitive Bidding (rationale in "Executive Summary," attach documentation, as needed)
- For Technology Purchases: Vetted and Supported by the Technology Governance Committee <<http://lcnnet.co.lake.ca.us/Assets/Intranet/Intranet+Forms/Information+Technology/AdvPlan.pdf>> ("Yes," if checked)
- Other (Please describe in Executive Summary)

**Consistency with Vision 2028** <<http://www.lakecountyca.gov/Government/Directory/Administration/Visioning/Vision2028.htm>>

(check all that apply):

Not applicable

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Well-being of Residents | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Safety    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Disaster Prevention, Preparedness, Recovery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Development               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure   | <input type="checkbox"/> County Workforce                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Collaboration            | <input type="checkbox"/> Business Process Efficiency | <input type="checkbox"/> Clear Lake   |

**Recommended Action:** Approve the Letter Asking the California Public Utilities Commission to Reject AT&T California's Request to be Relieved of Carrier of Last Resort Obligations, and authorize the Chair to sign.