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ATTN: Ms. Susanna Kooistra (Susanna.Kooistra@etsi.org) and Mr. Joerne Krause (Joern.Krause@etsi.org)

Dear Ms. Kooistra and Mr. Krause,

It is my privilege to recommend Mr. Vince Spatafora from AT&T for nomination as Vice-Chairman of 3GPP TSG-RAN at the March 2017 election. Mr. Spatafora will be representing AT&T via the ATIS partner of 3GPP.

Mr. Spatafora is Principal Member of Technical Staff for AT&T Radio Standards within the AT&T Technology & Network Operations Department and has been participating in both 3GPP TSG-RAN and RAN WG3 for over 7 years. His work and contribution in standards has spanned a wide range of feature development and enhancements in UTRAN, LTE through LTE Advanced Pro, Small Cells and currently 5G architecture and strategy. He also currently chairs GSMA-North America's Terminal Working Group.

Mr. Spatafora has over 20 years' experience with AT&T and its predecessors, Cingular Wireless, BellSouth Cellular, and BellSouth Mobility, Inc. This includes numerous technical and leadership responsibilities in market, regional, and headquarters positions where responsibilities included RF design and performance engineering, traffic engineering, deployment of multiple generations of network technologies, network operations, integration of acquired networks, and associated expense and capital budgets. At Cingular and BSCC headquarters, Vince led and developed national/regional network engineering and capital expenditure guidelines and managed its engineering best practices and capacity forecasting programs. Additionally, he has been responsible for spectrum planning and the development of regional automatic frequency planning programs for multiple generations of digital technology. Vince chaired AT&T Mobility's Interoperability Test Forum with AT&T's major infrastructure suppliers. Mr. Spatafora has a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering.

Mr. Spatafora is informed about and aware of the antitrust/competition laws and regulations of relevant jurisdictions, and shall comply with such laws while acting in his capacity as TSG-RAN Vice Chairman. Mr. Spatafora has the full support of AT&T in this position and will support Mr. Spatafora to the full extent necessary in order that he can successfully fulfill the position of Vice-Chair.

AT&T is pleased to recommend Vince for RAN Vice-Chairman and Mr. Spatafora is looking forward to actively serving in the position.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Blust".

Mr. Stephen M. Blust
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