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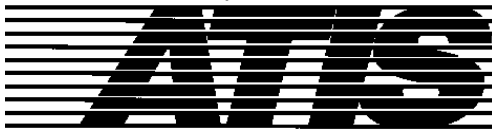
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**Subject: T1M1's New Primary Method of Operation and
Increased Collaboration Opportunities**

Dear Liaison Partner and OAM&P Stakeholder:

T1M1 (Operations Administration Maintenance and Provisioning – OAM&P - Technical Subcommittee in Committee T1) is in the process of moving most of its work to a ***non face-to-face meeting method of operation*** (using virtual meetings, conference calls, structured email discussions, etc.) for standards formulation - without sacrificing transparency, openness, or due process. This decision is based on several recent successful work items that primarily used this method of operation – including *Management Plane Security, Unified Ordering Model, and Physical Layer Transport Performance Management*. This method of operation provides for more flexibility in work scheduling (on a per work item basis) to rapidly respond to industry needs and provides for the ability to rapidly execute most formal actions (i.e., Letter Ballots, Liaisons, USSG-B/ITU-T contributions, etc.) once consensus is achieved by participants of a Working Group (with T1M1 Member and T1M1 Chair oversight) – rather than requiring approval at a T1M1 quarterly face-to-face plenary meeting. This means that there is an increased opportunity for efficient and effective collaborations on OAM&P and Network Management work in the future – especially where American National Standards and/or contributions to ITU-T SG4 are required.

T1M1 has three major work initiatives that interrelate, as follows:

Common OAM&P Functionality and Technology

Current work efforts in this area provide for significant standards efficiency and industry efficiency by providing for common frameworks and models that many or all Inter-Administration OAM&P (i.e., Data Interchange) standards and Network Technology Specific OAM&P standards can utilize as a foundation. This provides for the rapid formulation of these standards as well as the opportunity for efficient implementations thereof. Examples are: Management Plane Security, Common Alarm Management and Performance Management Functions, tML/XML (telecom Markup Language / Extensible Markup Language) Framework, CORBA (Common Object Request Broker Architecture) Framework, etc. T1M1 is a major contributor to ITU-T in this area.

Inter-Administration OAM&P (a.k.a. Data Interchange)

Current work efforts in this area provide for interoperability and intercommunications between service providers (and between service providers and customers), i.e., IXC-LEC, CLEC-ILEC, etc. This work requires a close collaboration with related fora, such as OBF, TCIF, and TM Forum. The key areas of work are: coding schemes for information interchange (e.g., Service Provider Codes), and OSS to OSS interconnection interface application standards (i.e., Access Ordering, Local Pre-Ordering, Unified Ordering Model, etc.).

Network Technology Specific OAM&P

Current work efforts in this area provide for network technology specific OAM&P interoperability between and among service providers' and suppliers' systems, i.e., network technology specific OAM&P interoperability between and among OSSs, Element Management Systems (EMSs), and Network Elements (NEs); e.g., Physical Layer Transport Performance Management.

Please contact me if there are any comments, questions, or concerns regarding this announcement.

Best regards,

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***To List - Liaison Partners and OAM&P Stakeholders:
See attachment.***

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