United States Court of Appeals
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT

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No. 18-5214

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United States of America,

       Appellant

   v.

AT&T, Inc., et al.,

       Appellees

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Upon consideration of the unopposed motion to expedite consideration of the appeal, it is

ORDERED that the following briefing format and schedule apply in this case:

Appellant's Brief (not to exceed 13,000 words)	August 6, 2018
Appellees' Brief (not to exceed 13,000 words)	September 20, 2018
Appellant's Reply Brief (not to exceed 6,500 words)	October 11, 2018
Deferred Joint Appendix	October 11, 2018
Final Briefs	October 18, 2018

The parties will be informed later of the composition of the merits panel and the date of oral argument.

All issues and arguments must be raised by appellant in the opening brief. The court ordinarily will not consider issues and arguments raised for the first time in the reply brief.

To enhance the clarity of their briefs, the parties are urged to limit the use of abbreviations, including acronyms. While acronyms may be used for entities and statutes with widely recognized initials, briefs should not contain acronyms that are not

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widely known. See D.C. Circuit Handbook of Practice and Internal Procedures 41 (2018); Notice Regarding Use of Acronyms (D.C. Cir. Jan. 26, 2010).

Parties are strongly encouraged to hand deliver the paper copies of their briefs to the Clerk's office on the date due. Filing by mail may delay the processing of the brief. Additionally, counsel are reminded that if filing by mail, they must use a class of mail that is at least as expeditious as first-class mail. See Fed. R. App. P. 25(a). All briefs and appendices must contain the date that the case is scheduled for oral argument at the top of the cover. See D.C. Cir. Rule 28(a)(8).

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