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AT&T Invests More Than \$1.35 Billion Over Three-Year Period to Enhance Local Networks in Greater Houston Area

HOUSTON, August 2, 2016 — At AT&T¹, we've invested more than \$1.35 billion in our Houston-area wireless and wired networks from 2013 through 2015. These investments drive upgrades to enhance reliability, coverage, speed and overall performance for residents and businesses. They also enhance critical services that support public safety and first responders.

Wireless network upgrades, new cell sites and high-speed Internet are among the many investments the company made in 2015 to keep Houstonians connected at home or on the go.

"We're committed to providing our Houston customers fast, reliable, highly secure connectivity. We want them to access the Internet at any moment, from almost any device and from anywhere," said Kerrick Henny, AT&T Vice President of External Affairs. "Our continued investment in the greater Houston area brings a host of new, innovative opportunities for residents and businesses."

"Along with smart state and local public policies that encourage innovation, this investment in reliable communications infrastructure will help ensure that Houston remains a leader in the technology space and that our economy continues to grow," said state Rep. Dwayne Bohac, (R–Houston). "As Chairman of the House IT Caucus, I understand the importance of technology infrastructure investment and my constituents rely on it to communicate and do business. AT&T's commitment to infrastructure investment is critical."

The AT&T LTE network covers 380 million people in North America. Key network upgrades in Houston in 2015 include:

- The addition of Distributed Antenna Systems (DAS) to increase mobile broadband services. New DAS installations increase coverage and capacity in areas traditional network deployments may not be feasible.
- Installed a DAS at 6 locations serving the NCAA® Men's Final Four® and invested \$25 million specifically on DAS upgrades for fans attending the games.



- Upgraded the DAS at the stadium, arena and the convention center that hosted Final Four activities.
- A number of LTE enhancements, enhancing capacity at local university campus and sports facilities.
- An expanded **HD Voice** network, which enables crystal clear conversations while surfing the web at 4G LTE speeds.

In 2016, for the second year in a row, FORTUNE magazine recognized AT&T as the Most Admired Telecommunications Company in the world. AT&T also placed #48 among the Top 50 World's Most Admired companies in the world. This is our third year in a row on the Top 50 list – AT&T is the only communications company on the list. The company ranked #1 in all 9 attributes. This includes innovation, financial soundness and quality of products/services. FORTUNE's Most Admired Companies lists are among the most highly respected indicators of corporate performance and reputation.

We offer Internet customers a great combination of speed and price. AT&T high-speed Internet² customers have access to our entire national AT&T Wi-Fi Hot Spot Network at no additional charge³. We also offer our award-winning DIRECTV® service to eligible locations. Customers may be eligible for AT&T U-verse TV service, a 100% digital service available over our advanced network. In 2015, Woman's Choice Awards® named AT&T U-verse "America's Most Recommended Brand among women for Broadband, Television and Phone Service."

AT&T GigaPower offers our fastest Internet speeds, up to 1Gbps⁴ over a 100% fiber network. Since its launch in Austin in 2013, GigaPower now reaches more than 1.6 million locations across 25 major metro areas including Houston. We've announced plans to expand the availability of Internet speeds up to 1Gbps to homes, apartments and small businesses in parts of 31 additional cities across the U.S. – which will total at least 56 metros served.

We plan to continue to roll out our fastest Internet services over a 100% fiber network to reach more than 14 million additional residential and commercial locations.

We have big plans for 2016. We'll be giving you the ability to access and stream DIRECTV video services over a wired or wireless Internet connection from any provider and from virtually any device – smartphone, tablet, Smart TV, streaming media hardware or PC. We plan for each service to come with a set number of simultaneous sessions. These services will not require annual contracts, satellite dishes or set-top boxes.



We have an extensive Wi-Fi network with more than 40,000 AT&T Wi-Fi Hot Spots at popular restaurants, hotels, bookstores and retailers. And we provide access to Wi-Fi at more 1 million locations around the world. Most AT&T smartphone customers and home Internet customers get access to our entire national Wi-Fi network at no additional cost. Wi-Fi usage doesn't count towards customers' monthly wireless data plans⁵.

To learn more about our coverage in Houston or anywhere in the U.S., visit the AT&T Coverage Viewer. For updates on the AT&T wireless network, please visit the AT&T network news page.

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