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Dear BSL Clients, Colleagues, and Friends,

Baller Stokes & Lide, P.C. is very pleased to announce that, as of November 1, 2020, Jim Baller, Sean Stokes and Casey Lide will be joining the Washington, D.C. office of Keller and Heckman, LLP, as Partners. With its longstanding telecommunications practice advising utilities, cooperatives, and public and private entities on a wide variety of matters, the attorneys of Keller and Heckman's telecommunications practice share many of our own perspectives and priorities. In particular, the attorneys of Keller and Heckman share our conviction that broadband infrastructure and services will play an ever-increasing, crucial role in the future of American economic competitiveness, equity, and educational opportunity. Over the past several months – during which we have been discussing this transaction with Keller and Heckman – the essential nature of broadband has become only too apparent.

We will contact you soon with additional information concerning a transition of our engagement to Keller and Heckman, and we look forward to serving you with the same level of dedication, responsiveness, and professionalism that you have come to expect from Baller Stokes & Lide, P.C. Indeed, with Keller and Heckman's additional breadth of expertise and resources, we will be even better positioned to provide insightful advice and counsel on novel legal and strategic issues relating to telecommunications, broadband, wireless and related matters. The combined telecommunications group will be more than three times the size of Baller Stokes and Lide, PC.

We look forward to introducing you to our new colleagues soon, hopefully in person. In the meantime, we and our colleagues are working to develop a series of virtual seminars to be held in early 2021, covering a variety of timely information relating to broadband, wireless, pole attachments, FCC developments, etc. We hope you will join us, and we will provide additional information as it becomes available.

As always, please feel free to contact us if you have any questions. We look forward to beginning this new chapter of our legal practice, and we look forward to working with you in the years to come.

Jim Baller  
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