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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549-3010

April 2, 2009

John Chevedden

FISMA & OMB Memorandum M-07-16

Re: General Electric Company
Incoming letter dated February 8, 2009

Dear Mr. Chevedden:

This is in response to your letters dated February 5, 2009 and February 8, 2009 concerning the shareholder proposal submitted to GE by William Steiner. On January 26, 2009, we issued our response expressing our informal view that GE could exclude the proposal from its proxy materials for its upcoming annual meeting. After reviewing the information contained in your letter, we find no basis to reconsider our position.

Sincerely,

Brian V. Breheny
Deputy Director

cc: Ronald O. Mueller
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February 5, 2009

Office of Chief Counsel
Division of Corporation Finance
Securities and Exchange Commission
100 F Street, NE
Washington, DC 20549

**# 3 General Electric Company (GE)
Rule 14a-8 Proposal by William Steiner
Special Shareowner Meetings**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This responds to the December 8, 2008 no action request regarding this rule 14a-8 proposal with the following resolved statement:

[GE: Rule 14a-8 Proposal, October 27, 2008]

3 – Special Shareowner Meetings

RESOLVED, Shareowners ask our board to take the steps necessary to amend our bylaws and each appropriate governing document to give holders of 10% of our outstanding common stock (or the lowest percentage allowed by law above 10%) the power to call special shareowner meetings. This includes that such bylaw and/or charter text will not have any exception or exclusion conditions (to the fullest extent permitted by state law) applying to shareowners only and meanwhile not apply to management and/or the board.

This is the same rule 14a-8 proposal text that was the basis of the attached AT&T Inc. (January 28, 2009) Staff Reply Letter which did not concur with AT&T:

[T: Rule 14a-8 Proposal, November 7, 2008]

3 – Special Shareowner Meetings

RESOLVED, Shareowners ask our board to take the steps necessary to amend our bylaws and each appropriate governing document to give holders of 10% of our outstanding common stock (or the lowest percentage allowed by law above 10%) the power to call special shareowner meetings. This includes that such bylaw and/or charter text will not have any exception or exclusion conditions (to the fullest extent permitted by state law) that apply only to shareowners but not to management and/or the board.

For these reasons and the earlier forwarded reasons it is requested that the staff find that this resolution cannot be omitted from the company proxy. It is also respectfully requested that the shareholder have the last opportunity to submit material in support of including this proposal – since the company had the first opportunity.

Sincerely,


John Chevedden

cc:

William Steiner

Craig T. Beazer <craig.beazer@ge.com>

January 28, 2009

**Response of the Office of Chief Counsel
Division of Corporation Finance**

Re: AT&T Inc.
Incoming letter dated December 12, 2008

The proposal asks the board to take the steps necessary to amend the bylaws and each appropriate governing document to give holders of 10% of AT&T's outstanding common stock (or the lowest percentage allowed by law above 10%) the power to call special shareowner meetings and further provides that such bylaw and/or charter text shall not have any exception or exclusion conditions (to the fullest extent permitted by state law) that apply only to shareowners but not to management and/or the board.

We are unable to concur in your view that AT&T may exclude the proposal under rule 14a-8(i)(2). Accordingly, we do not believe that AT&T may omit the proposal from its proxy materials in reliance on rule 14a-8(i)(2).

We are unable to concur in your view that AT&T may exclude the proposal under rule 14a-8(i)(3). Accordingly, we do not believe that AT&T may omit the proposal from its proxy materials in reliance on rule 14a-8(i)(3).

We are unable to concur in your view that AT&T may exclude the proposal under rule 14a-8(i)(10). Accordingly, we do not believe that AT&T may omit the proposal from its proxy materials in reliance on rule 14a-8(i)(10).

Sincerely,

Julie F. Bell
Attorney-Adviser