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Stephen M. Blust is the Director of Radio Access Network Standards for AT&T and responsible for radio standards and wireless corporate strategies related to the business impacts of evolving and future technology. His background includes over 45 years in wireless and wireline telecommunications, and spans radio engineering, spectrum aspects, services and architecture development, standards, regulatory support, and strategic planning. Stephen is Chairman of Working Party 5D within ITU-R, which has addressed 3G (IMT-2000) and 4G wireless (IMT-Advanced) and is now defining 5G (“IMT-2020”). He is a frequent contributor to the work in radio standards development organizations and industry fora including 3GPP, ATIS, ETSI, NGMN and 4G Americas. He is directly engaged in strategies and development activities within AT&T and in the industry at large on 5G to build momentum towards a 2020 marketplace deployment target, including efforts supporting WRC-19 and spectrum bands above 6 GHz for 5G. He holds a B.Sc. in Electrical Engineering from Tulane University and is a Registered Professional Engineer. Stephen has authored numerous articles and contributed to several books on IMT and software defined radio and is a patent holder.