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**Ex Parte**

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re:** *Application of T-Mobile US, Inc., and Sprint Corporation for Consent To Transfer Control of Licenses and Authorizations, WT Docket No. 18-197*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

At the request of Commission staff, on September 28, 2018, Bill Stone, David Wheeler, and I of Verizon met with the staff members listed in Attachment 1. During the meeting, we described Verizon's 5G deployment plans, as described in Attachment 2 of this *ex parte*. In particular, we described Verizon's leadership in pushing the 5G ecosystem forward, including through our creation of the 5G Technology Forum, and our aggressive efforts to promote and deploy 5G services. We also described the October 1 launch of Verizon 5G Home – the world's first commercially available 5G service – in parts of Houston, Indianapolis, Los Angeles, and Sacramento.<sup>1</sup> We noted that for 5G to achieve its potential, carriers will need to rely on a mix of spectrum – including a mix of low-, mid-, and high-band spectrum – and we encouraged the Commission to continue its ongoing work in identifying and making additional spectrum available for 5G. Verizon did not take a position on the transaction before the Commission.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. §1.1206(b), notice is hereby provided of an oral *ex parte* communication in the above-referenced docket.

Sincerely,

Attachments

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<sup>1</sup> See *Verizon Turns on World's First Commercial 5G Network*, Verizon News (Oct. 1, 2018) <https://www.verizon.com/about/news/verizon-turns-worlds-first-5g-network>.

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