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Ex Parte

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

Re: Verizon's Request for Clarification, or in the Alternative, Petition for Waiver of Copper Retirement Notification Rules, GN Docket No. 13-5, WC Docket No. 13-3, RM-11358

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On January 17, 2017, Fred Moacdieh, Roy Litland, and I from Verizon met with Madeleine Findley, Daniel Kahn, Peter Saharko, and Rodney McDonald from the Wireline Competition Bureau to discuss Verizon's December 15, 2016, Request¹ to clarify that 47 C.F.R. § 51.332(b)(2) and (4) allow a provider to provide interconnecting entities, state public utility commissions, state governors, tribal entities, and the Secretary of Defense with a paper copy of the copper retirement notice and a hyperlink to a searchable online list of impacted addresses or locations in lieu of a paper copy of the address list.

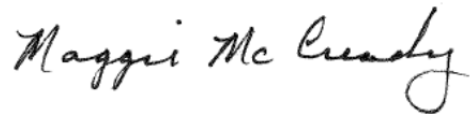
The Verizon attendees reiterated that the Request does not seek changes to what information must be provided in the notice nor when the notice is provided. Simply, it asks for the ability to provide the list of addresses electronically via link. And the Request does not apply to notices to retail customers. We explained that granting the Request would improve recipients' access to the information and would significantly decrease providers' costs of paper and postage. We emphasized that providers would continue to provide a paper copy of the address list to any recipient who requests one.

¹ Verizon Request for Clarification, or in the Alternative, Petition for Waiver of Copper Retirement Notification Rules, *Technology Transitions*, GN Docket No. 13-5 (Dec. 15, 2016) ("Request").

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Finally, we urged the Commission to act quickly on Verizon's Request so that—if the Commission grants the Request—Verizon can achieve the efficiencies of providing hyperlinked address lists in upcoming filings of copper retirement notices.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maggi McCreedy". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the "Sincerely," text.

CC Madeleine Findley
 Daniel Kahn
 Peter Saharko
 Rodney McDonald