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Via ECFS

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Unlicensed Use of the 6 GHz Band, ET Docket No. 18-295; Expanding Flexible Use in Mid-band Spectrum Between 3.7 and 24 GHz, GN Docket No. 17-183*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On March 25, Will Johnson, Patrick Welsh, and Tamara Preiss of Verizon spoke by telephone with Bill Davenport, legal advisor to Commissioner Starks. We had separate calls on March 26 with Umair Javed, legal advisor to Commissioner Rosenworcel, and on March 27 with Aaron Golberger, legal advisor to Chairman Pai. During those conversations, we acknowledged the important work the Commission has done to make licensed mid-band spectrum available for 5G, particularly scheduling an auction of 280 MHz of C band spectrum later this year. Nonetheless, given the importance of mid-band spectrum to more widespread 5G deployment, we urged the Commission to consider licensing part of the 6 GHz band. We explained the challenges of getting additional mid-band spectrum for 5G to market in the foreseeable future, particularly given the considerable difficulties associated with sharing the lower 3 GHz band with federal incumbents. We emphasized that Verizon supports making much of the 6 GHz band available for unlicensed use, and that seeking additional comment on licensed use for some portion of the band need not delay action on unlicensed. But doing so would provide an important option for the Commission should other paths to licensed mid-band spectrum not move as quickly as hoped.

We also stressed the importance of protecting incumbent users in the band, including utilities, railroads, and public safety, by requiring all unlicensed devices, including low power and indoor devices, to register with an AFC.

This letter is being filed electronically in the above-referenced dockets pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules. Please contact the undersigned with any questions.

Sincerely,

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cc: (via e-mail)

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