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Ex Parte

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

Re: Accelerating Wireless Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Deployment, WT Docket No. 17-79; Accelerating Wireline Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Deployment, WT Docket No. 17-84

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On May 21, 2018, Will Johnson, Tamara Preiss, and Andy Lachance of Verizon met with Commissioner Carr and his legal advisor Will Adams to discuss issues raised in the above-referenced proceedings. Consistent with our comments and reply comments, we explained how the Commission can speed wireless broadband deployment and pave the way for enhanced 4G and 5G networks by removing impediments to wireless facility siting.

We discussed actions the Commission should take to place reasonable limits on state and local governments to promote access to state and local rights-of-way and municipally owned poles, and to speed local zoning processes. The Commission should clarify that Sections 253 and 332(c)(7) of the Communications Act¹ bar state or local actions that erect substantial barriers to wireless facilities deployment, and that fees for access to rights-of-way and municipal poles that exceed cost violate Sections 253(a) and (c). We also asked the Commission to adopt a 60-day shot clock for acting on small cell applications and to deem applications granted when the applicable Section 332(c)(7) shot clock expires without action.

Sincerely,

cc: (via e-mail)
Commissioner Carr, Will Adams

¹ 47 U.S.C. §§ 253, 332(c)(7).