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Ex Parte

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
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Re: Special Access Rates for Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers, WC Docket No. 05-25 and RM-10593; Investigation of Certain Price Cap Local Exchange Carrier Business Data Services Tariff Pricing Plans, WC Docket No. 15-247; Expanding Consumers' Video Navigation Choices, MB Docket No. 16-42; Commercial Availability of Navigation Devices, CS Docket No. 97-80; Use of Spectrum Bands Above 24 GHz for Mobile Radio Services, GN Docket No. 14-177

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On March 11, 2016, Craig Silliman, Executive Vice President, Public Policy and General Counsel, and Kathleen Grillo, Senior Vice President, Public Policy and Government Affairs, for Verizon ("Verizon") met with Jon Sallet, FCC General Counsel, in connection with the above-referenced proceedings.

First, Verizon discussed the FCC's Spectrum Frontiers rulemaking. As the first company to invest tens of billions of dollars to bring a large scale, high-quality 4G LTE network to U.S. consumers, Verizon wishes to help the U.S. government continue the country's leadership position in mobile. Swift action in this proceeding will be critical to whether the United States retains this global leadership in advanced wireless communications. Verizon expressed support for the Commission's primary proposal to allow existing 28 GHz and 39 GHz licensees to use their licenses for mobile services, and to auction the spectrum in those bands not currently licensed. Those simple steps, combined with authorizing flexible secondary market and leasing arrangements, will get spectrum quickly into the hands of companies poised to serve U.S. consumers. They also discussed the Commission's innovative, straightforward proposal to promote successful coexistence with satellite operations. We are also working with satellite providers on how future mobile terrestrial operations can coexist with existing satellite operations in the 28 GHz band.

The Verizon representatives also discussed the Commission's set top box proceeding. Mr. Silliman stated that Verizon's view is that more consumer choice is a good thing, and Verizon applauds the FCC for its intent. But to ensure that this proceeding actually improves consumer choice in navigation devices and applications without undermining the quality of their

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video service or triggering other unintended consequences, it is vital that the FCC get important details right. He stated that Verizon is carefully considering the Commission's proposal and expects to file comments in the opening round.

Finally, Verizon reiterated the positions it has taken in its comments that demand for business broadband services is moving from legacy services to numerous other providers, especially cable companies. Verizon stressed that given this kind of competition in the marketplace, the FCC should adopt a regulatory framework that ensures a level playing field for all providers that offer the same or similar services. Verizon also discussed different proposals parties have offered in these proceedings, including rolling back forbearance for Ethernet services, various pricing regimes, and changes to the terms and conditions in place for tariffed special access services. Again, Verizon stated that any changes the FCC adopts to its current regulatory structure must take into account developments in the marketplace over the last few years and the various competitors for business broadband services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William H. Miller". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath.

cc: Jon Sallet