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Ms. Magalie R. Salas
Secretary
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Ex Parte: Deployment of Wireline Services Offering Advanced Telecommunications Capability – CC Docket No. 98-147; Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions in the Telecommunications Act of 1996 - CC Docket No. 96-98

Dear Ms. Salas,

On Tuesday, November 21, 2000, Augie Trinchese, Donna Epps, and the undersigned discussed, via telephone, an Order of the New York Public Service Commission (Opinion No. 00-13, issued October 31, 2000) with Kathy Farroba and John Stanley of the Common Carrier Bureau. We discussed the aspects of the New York order that addressed "line splitting"; the status of the New York collaborative on line sharing; and the various operational and system changes that Verizon is pursuing to facilitate a voice CLEC's sharing of the high frequency portion of a UNE loop with data providers. We noted that the Commission has previously affirmed the ILEC's obligations with respect to line splitting in the SBC/TX 271 proceeding (Memorandum Opinion and Order in CC Docket 00-65, released June 30, 2000 at ¶325). We also discussed the importance of requiring the voice carrier that purchases the UNE loop to be ultimately responsible for facilitating the sharing relationship between it and any data carrier it allows to use the higher frequency portion of that loop.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(a)(1) of the Commission's rules, an original and one copy of this letter are being submitted to the Office of the Secretary. Please associate this notification with the record in the proceedings indicated above. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call me at (202) 463-5293.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Scott Randolph".

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cc: Kathy Farroba
John Stanley