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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, TW-A325  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Ex Parte* in Joint Application for Authority to Transfer Control of Section  
214 Authorization from NorthPoint Communications, Inc. to Verizon  
Communications, **CC Docket No. 00-157**

Dear Ms. Salas:

In accordance with the Commission Transaction Team's proposed merger guidelines, Commission staff met with NorthPoint and Verizon to discuss the "completeness" of their application for authority to transfer control of section 214 authorization from NorthPoint to Verizon. On November 17, 2000, Michelle Carey, James Bird, Joel Rabinovitz, Paula Silberthau, Henry Thaggert, Ben Childers and I met with Michael Glover, Karen Zacharia and Gordon Evans of Verizon, William Bailey and Michael Olsen of NorthPoint and A. Richard Metzger, counsel to NorthPoint, to discuss whether the Commission has the information it needs to fully consider the NorthPoint and Verizon application. The staff informed NorthPoint and Verizon that, as might be expected in a merger of this size and complexity, it needs some additional information. Specifically, the staff asked NorthPoint and Verizon to submit additional information on market definition issues related to bandwidth, service guarantees, pricing and demand for SDSL and T-1 services.

Because at the present time Commission staff is able to proceed with its review without the additional information, the proposed 180-day clock outlined by the Transaction Team on March 1, 2000 has not been stopped. If, however, the staff does not receive the requested information in satisfactory form by December 1, 2000, we may reconsider this decision.

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NorthPoint and Verizon made no substantive presentation on the merits of their application during the meeting.

Sincerely,

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Jessica Rosenworcel  
Common Carrier Bureau  
Federal Communications Commission

Cc: Michael Glover  
A. Richard Metzger