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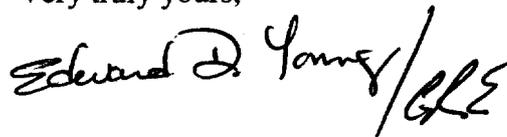
Ms. Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> St., SW, Room TWB-204  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: CC Docket 96-45 Interstate Access Universal Service

In accordance with Section 254(e) and Section 54.809 of the Commissions' rules, Verizon certifies on behalf of its local operating companies<sup>1</sup> that it will use its interstate access universal service support only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and service for which the support is intended.<sup>2</sup> This certification applies to all Verizon study areas.

A copy of this letter is being submitted to the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) in accordance with Section 54.809 of the Commissions' rules.

Very truly yours,



cc: USAC

<sup>1</sup> The Verizon local operating companies are Verizon Delaware Inc.; Verizon Maryland Inc.; Verizon New England Inc.; Verizon New Jersey Inc.; Verizon New York Inc.; Verizon Pennsylvania Inc.; Verizon Virginia Inc.; Verizon Washington, D.C. Inc.; Verizon West Virginia Inc.; Verizon California Inc.; Verizon South Inc.; Contel of the South, Inc. d/b/a Verizon South Systems; Verizon Hawaii Inc.; Verizon Florida Inc.; Verizon West Coast Incorporated.; Verizon Northwest Inc.; GTE Midwest Incorporated d/b/a Verizon Midwest Inc.; GTE Southwest Incorporated d/b/a Verizon Southwest Inc.; Verizon North Inc.; and Micronesia Telecommunications Corp.

<sup>2</sup> See In the Matter of Access Charge Reform, Price Cap Performance Review for Local Exchange Carriers, Low-Volume Long Distance Users, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service; CC Docket No.96-262, CC Docket No. 94-1, CC Docket No. 99-249, CC Docket No. 96-45; Released May 31, 2000; Paragraph 232.

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