

December 5, 2001

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Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W., Room TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Notice of Ex Parte Presentation*
WT Docket No. 01-184 (WNP Forbearance Petition)

Dear Ms. Salas:

This is to advise that, on December 4, 2001, S. Mark Tuller (Vice President and General Counsel), and John T. Scott, III (Vice President and Deputy General Counsel, Regulatory Law), of Verizon Wireless, and the undersigned, made an *ex parte* presentation in the above-referenced dockets to Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy and Bryan N. Tramont, Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Abernathy.

In the meeting, Verizon Wireless reiterated its position that the legal arguments and evidence on the record support the requested forbearance from the wireless number portability (WNP) requirement. In the context of this Section 10 forbearance petition, the issue before the Commission is whether the continued existence of the regulation can be justified by a need to stimulate competition or protect consumers. We discussed the lack of evidence on the record to support the continuation of the regulation at this time. We observed that there is no evidence that WNP is needed to stimulate competition among wireless carriers, as such competition is already robust. We also argued that there is no evidence that WNP is necessary to spur wireless-wireline competition.

We argued that, because the forbearance standard is met at this time, forbearance should be granted. In that case, the regulation will remain "on the books" and could be revisited at any time in the future if circumstances change.

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Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's Rules, this letter is being filed electronically in each of the above-referenced dockets. If there are any questions regarding this matter, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

WILKINSON BARKER KNAUER, LLP

By: /s/
Kathryn A. Zachem

cc: Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy
Bryan N. Tramont