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Ms. Magalie R. Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW, Room TW-B204
Washington, DC 20554

**RE: CC Docket No. 98-184 Bell Atlantic/GTE Merger;
CC Docket No. 98-141 SBC/Ameritech Merger**

Dear Ms. Salas:

On December 13, 2001, Ed Shakin and I, representing Verizon Communications, met with Carol Matthey, Anthony Dale and Mark Stone of the Common Carrier Bureau. The Verizon representatives discussed the FCC's Order on Intercarrier Compensation for ISP-Based Traffic, released April 27, 2001 and the Bell Atlantic/GTE expanded most-favored nation merger condition. Verizon urged Ms. Matthey to update the FCC staff's interpretation letter, released December 22, 2000, regarding the subject merger condition in light of the FCC's April 27, 2001 Order.

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 this proceeding above.

If there are questions regarding this matter, please call me at 202 515-2527.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Evans".

c: C. Matthey
A. Dale
M. Stone