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Mr. Jeff Ward
Senior Vice President – Regulatory Compliance
Verizon Communications
1310 North Courthouse Rd. – 4th Floor
Arlington, VA 22201

RE: Bell Atlantic/GTE Merger Order, CC Docket No. 98-184

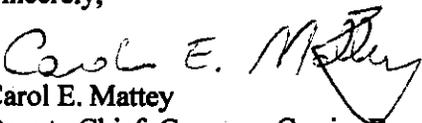
Dear Mr. Ward:

In the September 26, 2001 *VADI Reintegration Order*, the Common Carrier Bureau (Bureau) approved Verizon Communications Inc.'s (Verizon) request to accelerate the re-integration of its advanced services operations with its incumbent local exchange carriers in light of the *ASCENT* decision.¹ In that Order, the Bureau directed Verizon to propose changes to the *Bell Atlantic/GTE Merger Order*'s Carrier-to-Carrier Performance Plan as a result of the re-integration, within 30 days of the Order's release.² Verizon responded with proposed changes on October 26, 2001.³ Verizon and the Bureau subsequently discussed Verizon's proposal, culminating in Verizon's latest proposal, submitted December 27, 2001.⁴

I find that Verizon's proposed changes would properly clarify the business rules to reflect the re-integration of its advanced services operations. Verizon should therefore implement the changes immediately.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance. You may also contact Mark Stone in the Common Carrier Bureau directly at (202) 418-0816 for further information on this matter.

Sincerely,


Carol E. Matthey
Deputy Chief, Common Carrier Bureau

CC: Dee May, Verizon

¹ Application of GTE Corporation, Transferor, and Bell Atlantic Corporation, Transferee, for Consent to Transfer Control of Domestic and International Section 214 and 310 Authorizations and Applications to Transfer Control of a Submarine Cable Landing License, CC Docket No. 98-184, *Order*, DA 01-2203, 2001 WL 1135400 (Sept. 26, 2001) (*VADI Reintegration Order*); *Assoc. of Communications Enter. v. FCC*, 235 F.3d 662 (D.C. Cir. 2001) (*ASCENT*).

² See Application of GTE Corporation, Transferor, and Bell Atlantic Corporation, Transferee, For Consent to Transfer Control of Domestic and International Sections 214 and 310 Authorizations and Application to Transfer Control of a Submarine Cable Landing License, CC Docket No. 98-184, *Memorandum Opinion and Order*, 15 FCC Rcd 14032 at Appendix D, Attachment A (2000) (*Bell Atlantic/GTE Merger Order*); *VADI Reintegration Order* at ¶ 14.

³ Letter from Dee May, Assistant Vice President, Federal Regulatory, Verizon, to Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, CC Docket No. 98-184 (filed Nov. 16, 2001).

⁴ Letter from Dee May, Executive Director, Federal Regulatory, Verizon, to Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, CC Docket No. 98-184 (filed Dec. 27, 2001).