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Dear Acting Secretary Caton:

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, this is to provide notice of three exparte communications regarding WT Docket No. 01-184, Verizon Wireless' petition for forbearance from the wireless number portability (WNP) requirements.

On Tuesday, February 26th, I spoke with Bryan Tramont, Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Abernathy and advocated for no delay in WNP implementation. I suggested that carriers worried about implementing WNP and number pooling together be given the option to implement number pooling earlier, perhaps in September. I also suggested that there's little to gain from a six month delay for number pooling to "burn-in" and that a shorter delay would not only be adequate, but might be better, as the engineers would have the number pooling experience fresh in their heads and be better able to diagnose any interactions between that and WNP.

On Tuesday, February 26th, I had phone call with Sam Feder, Interim Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Martin, in which I reiterated the points made in my earlier filings in this matter, specifically that WNP will significantly lower consumers' switching costs, that the aggregate savings in switching costs will more than offset the cost of WNP implementation, and that high margin customers tend to have correspondingly high individual switching costs. I also made the timing suggestions listed above.

On Monday, February 25th, I had a brief phone call with Monica Desai, Interim Legal Advisor for Wireless and International Issues to Commissioner Martin, in which I reiterated points made in my earlier filings.

Sincerely,
Samuel Weiler