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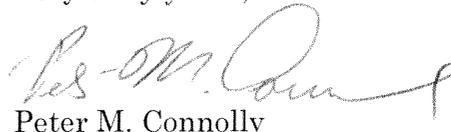
William F. Caton
Acting Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
The Portals
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Notice of Ex Parte Presentation: Numbering Resource Optimization, CC Docket No. 99-200; Implementation of the Vocal Competition Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, CC Docket No. 96-98; and Telephone Number Portability, CC Docket No. 95-116.

Dear Mr. Caton:

Yesterday, James Jenkins, Vice President – External Affairs of the United States Cellular Corporation (“USCC”) and I met with Paul Margie, Legal Assistant to Commissioner Michael Copps. We discussed the pending petition filed by Verizon Wireless seeking forbearance from the November 24, 2002 deadline for wireless local number portability. In accordance with USCC’s prior comments, we supported forbearance, or in the alternative, a delay in the imposition of number portability requirements on wireless carriers. Consistent with Commission’s Rules, I am filing one electronic copy of this notice and request that you place it in the record of above proceeding.

Very truly yours,



Peter M. Connolly

cc: James Jenkins
Paul Margie