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Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**RE: Merger Condition for Carrier-Carrier Promotions Bell Atlantic/GTE Merger Order
(CC Docket No. 98-184)**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I am writing to notify you pursuant to Condition XII, paragraph 38 of the Bell Atlantic/GTE merger conditions that Verizon has met the Promotional Resale Discount maximum allowable quantity in Maryland as set forth in Attachment E of the Merger Conditions. Attachment E states the maximum number of resold residential resold services qualifying for the residential resale promotion is 91,000 for the state of Maryland. As of November 2002, Verizon has provided 97,412 resold promotional services and now plans to end the Offering Window period for the resale discount in Maryland on or about April 1, 2003.

Under the Merger Conditions, the Offering Window for the Promotional Resale Discount in each state ends at the earlier of the following: (i) 36 months after commencement of the Offering Window period; or (ii) the month following the date when the number of resold lines in service in a state at the promotional resale discount reaches the maximum allowable quantity as set forth in Attachment E. Verizon has now satisfied the second criterion. In order to provide resellers with advance planning information, Verizon provided written notification to resellers operating in the state of Maryland when 50 percent and 80 percent of those termination numbers were reached.

As required, Verizon now gives notice to the Commission and is also filing this notice with the Maryland State Commission and resellers operating in Maryland that it will close the Offering Window for the resale promotion on the date noted above.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason L. Groves".

Jason L. Groves

cc: Carol Matthey
Michelle Carey
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Anthony Dale