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Ex Parte

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
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Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45; 1998 Biennial Regulatory Review – Streamlined Contributor Reporting Requirements Associated With Administration of Telecommunications Relay Service, CC Docket No. 98-171; North American Numbering Plan, Local Number Portability, and Universal Service Support Mechanisms Telecommunications Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, CC Docket No. 90-571; Administration of the North American Numbering Plan and North American Numbering Plan Cost Recovery Contribution Factor and Fund Size, CC Docket No. 92-237, NSD File No. L-00-72; Number Resource Optimization, CC Docket No. 99-200; Telephone Number Portability, CC Docket No. 95-116; Truth-in-Billing and Billing Format, CC Docket No. 98-170; Review of the Section 251 Unbundling Obligations of Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers, CC Docket No. 01-338; Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions in the Telecommunications Act of 1996, CC Docket No. 96-98; and Deployment of Wireline Services Offering Advanced Telecommunications Capability, CC Docket No. 98-147

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Friday, March 14, 2003, S. Guyer and M. Glover of Verizon met with M. Brill of Commissioner Abernathy's office to discuss the joint waiver petition filed by Verizon, BellSouth and SBC on February 6, 2003 in the above-referenced universal service contribution proceeding and associated dockets. The positions set forth in the meeting are consistent with those previously presented in the above proceedings. Verizon also responded to questions in the above-referenced dockets concerning interconnection change of law provisions.

If you have any questions concerning these matters, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Clint E. Odom".