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Via Electronic Filing

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Notice of Ex Parte Presentation*
 CC Docket No. 01-92 – Inter-Carrier Compensation
 CC Docket No. 96-45 – Universal Service

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This is to advise you that on March 18, 2003 Verizon Wireless representatives S. Mark Tuller, Anne Hoskins, and Charon Harris met with William Maher, Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau, to discuss issues related to the referenced dockets.

In the meeting, Verizon Wireless urged the Commission to act on pending issues relating to interconnection and universal service. Specifically, with respect to inter-carrier compensation, Verizon Wireless discussed the benefits of bill-and-keep as a model for LEC-CMRS interconnection. Verizon Wireless also supported Commission action that would clarify its current rules with respect to the exchange of traffic between LECs and CMRS providers. Verizon Wireless requested that the Commission grant petitions filed by Sprint PCS and T-Mobile related to the split rating and routing of NXX codes and wireless termination tariffs, respectively. Verizon Wireless also referenced and provided a copy of its January 27, 2003 *ex parte* presentation on these matters, a copy of which is attached hereto.

With respect to universal service, Verizon Wireless provided an overview of its comments filed recently in the contribution proceeding and urged Mr. Maher to consider the effect of increased mandate-related costs on the ability of wireless carriers to bring affordable wireless services (including emerging advanced and broadband services) to their customers.

If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at (202) 589-3770.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anne E. Hoskins".

Anne E. Hoskins

Attachment
cc: W. Maher