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EX PARTE

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

Re: CC Docket No. 97-172, Petition of Verizon for Further Forbearance from Section 272 Requirements in Connection with Directory Assistance Services

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On July 14, 2002, the Verizon telephone companies filed a petition asking the Commission to forbear, under section 10 of the Act, from the separate affiliate requirements in connection with Verizon's provision of international directory assistance services.

Last year, the Commission granted Verizon a waiver to provide all operator-assisted reverse directory services and electronic reverse directory services on an integrated basis without complying with the CEI requirements. This waiver expressly included reverse nonlocal directory assistance services, which the Commission defined as "a customer request[ing] the name and/or address of an individual or business outside the customer's home Local access and transport Area (LATA) or area code by providing a telephone number." *Petition of the Verizon Telephone Companies for Waiver of Comparably Efficient Interconnection Requirements to Provide Reverse Directory Assistance*, CC Docket No. 02-17, Memorandum Opinion and Order ¶ 2 n.3 (2002). Although Verizon believes that, by itself, this waiver order permits it to provide international reverse directory services on an integrated basis without complying with the CEI requirements, it asks the Commission to grant such a waiver when it rules on Verizon's July 14 forbearance petition.

Please include a copy of this correspondence in the public record of the above-captioned proceeding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marie Breslin".

Marie Breslin

cc: Bill Kehoe
Christi Shewman