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

Ex Parte

Re: CC Docket No. 02-200 (Verizon 1+/Payphone Petition for Forbearance)
CC Docket No. 01-338 (Verizon 271/251 Petition for Forbearance)
CC Docket No. 96-149 (Verizon OI&M Petition for Forbearance)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On October 7, 2003, Tom Koutsky of Z-Tel, Christopher Wright of Harris, Wiltshire & Grannis, counsel for Z-Tel, Lori Wright of MCI, A. Richard Metzger, Jr. of Lawler, Metzger & Milkman, counsel for MCI, and the undersigned met with Christopher Libertelli, Senior Legal Advisor to Chairman Michael Powell, primarily to discuss Verizon's pending petition seeking forbearance from section 271. During the meeting, representatives for Z-Tel and MCI pointed out that the Commission had rejected the basis for that forbearance petition in the recent *Triennial Review Order* by concluding that section 271 establishes access obligations on the BOCs that are independent of the requirements imposed on all incumbent LECs by section 251. MCI and Z-Tel further urged the Commission to reject the Verizon petition for the reasons set forth in their prior written submissions in this proceeding.

Representatives for Z-Tel and MCI also discussed the two other pending Verizon forbearance petitions. They noted that Verizon had failed to show that it had satisfied the requirements of section 10(d) in its OI&M petition, and stated that Verizon ought not be allowed to attempt to cure that defect at this late date. Z-Tel and MCI also argued that Verizon's proposed interpretation of section 10(d) was neither consistent with the statute nor sensible. Finally, they noted that the 1+/payphone petition was unopposed, and therefore provided an inappropriate record for deciding important issues.

Pursuant to the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2), this letter is being provided to you for inclusion in the public record of the above-referenced proceeding.

Sincerely,

/s/ A. Renée Callahan

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cc: Christopher Libertelli