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Ex Parte

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

Re: Verizon Petition for Forbearance from the Prohibition of Sharing Operating, Installation, and Maintenance Functions Under Section 53.203(a)(2) of the Commission's Rules, CC Docket No. 96-149; Appropriate Framework for Broadband Access to the Internet Over Wireline Facilities, WC Docket No. 02-33; Verizon Petition for Forbearance, CC Docket No. 01-338; and Regulatory Review Requirements for Incumbent LEC Broadband Telecommunications Services, CC Docket No. 01-337;

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Yesterday, Susanne Guyer and Mike Glover represented Verizon in a meeting with Commissioner Martin and Dan Gonzalez, during which they discussed the continuing need for the relief requested in the above Petitions. Specifically discussed was Verizon's October 1, 2003 ex parte filing in above proceedings. The positions presented by Verizon were consistent with those filed in the record.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ann D. Berkowitz".

cc: D. Gonzalez