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Ex Parte

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

Re: Performance Metrics and Standards for Interstate Special Access Services, CC Docket No. 01-321

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Friday, October 31, Clint Odom, John Bosley, Mark Porter, Julie Canny, Craig Soloff, Ed Ivaldi, Joan Scholz, and Sherry Ingram of Verizon held a telephone conference call with Julie Veach, Jeremy Miller, and Dan Shiman of the Wireline Competition Bureau to discuss the proposed metrics for special access services proposed by the Joint Competitive Industry Group. Verizon responded to questions from staff concerning "double counting" in a number of the proposed metrics, and whether metrics should be pegged to a particular benchmark.

Staff presented Verizon with a number of questions that will be responded to in a separate ex parte notice.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Clint Odom

cc: Julie Veach