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David Solomon
Chief, Enforcement Bureau
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
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Re: Bell Atlantic/GTE Merger Order, CC Docket No. 98-184

Dear Mr. Solomon:

In an Order on Reconsideration released November 26, 2003, the Bureau denied Verizon's petition for reconsideration of the Bureau's May 20, 2003 Order denying Verizon's request to apply a cap in calculating voluntary payments for measurements expressed as averages or means under the Merger Conditions.¹ This letter confirms that Verizon is in compliance with the Bureau's May 20 Order. Verizon reviewed its plan for complying with the May 20 Order in a meeting with members of the Enforcement Bureau on June 19, 2003 and included an explanation of its compliance in its payment notice dated June 30, 2003.² If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

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

cc: Maureen Del Duca
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¹ Order on Reconsideration, DA 03-3794, Released November 26, 2003, Paragraph 15

² Letter from Ann Berkowitz, Verizon – Federal Affairs to Marlene Dortch, Secretary – FCC, June 30, 2003.