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EX PARTE

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

Re: Verizon's TELRIC Forbearance Petition, WC Docket No. 03-157

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Today, on behalf of Verizon, Karen Zacharia, Leslie Owsley, Lynn Charytan and the undersigned met with Tamara Preiss, Julie Saulnier, Jeremy Marcus, Steve Morris, Tom Navin and Pam Arluk of the Wireline Competition Bureau to urge approval of Verizon's TELRIC Forbearance Petition. All positions presented by Verizon were consistent with those filed in the record. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donna Epps".

cc: T. Preiss
J. Saulnier
J. Marcus
S. Morris
T. Navin
P. Arluk