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**Ex Parte**

Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
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**Re: AT&T Petition for Rulemaking to Reform Regulation for Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier Rates for Interstate Special Access Services, RM No. 10593; Review of the Commission's rules Regarding the Pricing of Unbundled Network Elements and the Resale of Service by Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers, WC Docket No. 03-173; Petition for Forbearance From the Current Pricing Rules for the Unbundled Network elements Platform, WC Docket 03-157**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On August 20, 2004, Sherry Ingram, Fred Moacdieh, Jim Pachulski, and the undersigned met, on behalf of Verizon, with Tamara Preiss, Alvaro Gonzalez, Jeremy Marcus, Julie Saulnier, and Deena Shetler of the Competitive Pricing Division to discuss data previously placed on the record in these proceedings that describes the state of competition for high-capacity services in the largest MSAs where Verizon provides service as the incumbent local exchange carrier.<sup>1</sup> We also discussed evidence previously placed in the record in these proceedings which describes the widespread deployment of competing voice telephone services by cable companies and Voice over Internet Protocol ("VoIP") providers as well as increasing competition from wireless and other intermodal providers and competitors that have deployed their own circuit switches.<sup>2</sup>

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Joseph Mulieri

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<sup>1</sup> See Letter from Joseph Mulieri, Verizon, to Marlene H. Dortch, FCC, RM No. 10593, filed July 13, 2004.

<sup>2</sup> See Letter from Joseph Mulieri, Verizon, to Marlene H. Dortch, FCC, RM No. 10593, filed July 28, 2004; Letter from Donna Epps, Verizon, to Marlene H. Dortch, WC Docket No. 03-157, filed July 28, 2004; Letter from Donna Epps, Verizon, to Marlene H. Dortch, WC Docket No. 03-173, filed August 9, 2004.

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