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**Ex Parte**

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

**Re: Petition for Forbearance From the Current Pricing Rules for the Unbundled Network Elements Platform, WC Docket No. 03-157**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Yesterday, Leslie Owsley and the undersigned of Verizon met with Matt Brill and Gavin Gaukroger in Commissioner Abernathy's office to discuss Verizon's position in the above referenced docket. In particular, Verizon explained why its TELRIC Forbearance Petition satisfied the Section 10 forbearance standards and why a grant of the petition would not result in an over-recovery of switching costs.

Consistent with Commission rules, I am filing one electronic copy of this notice and request that you place it in the record of the above-referenced proceedings.

Sincerely,

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