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Ex Parte

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th 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 Dan Gonzalez in Commissioner Martin'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".