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**Ex Parte**

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of IP-enabled Services, WC Docket No. 04-36; Level 3 Communications  
Petition for Forbearance, WC Docket No. 03-266**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On February 17, 2005, Karen Zacharia and Kathleen Grillo of Verizon, met with Jessica Rosenworcel, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Michael Copps, and John Stanley, in Commissioner Kathleen Abernathy's office, to discuss the above-referenced proceedings.

Verizon urged the Commission to deny Level 3's petition. Verizon explained that Level 3's petition is not an appropriate subject for forbearance for several reasons. For example, the petition alone cannot provide the relief Level 3 requests. In addition, Level 3 is asking the Commission to change the rules that apply to interexchange traffic, and to change the way rates are prescribed and by whom. Moreover, any decision to change the compensation for these calls would raise significant interrelated issues – such as a determination that the new rates are just and reasonable and compensatory, and that universal service objectives will not be harmed – that are beyond the scope of this proceeding.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathleen Grillo". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "K".

cc: Jessica Rosenworcel  
John Stanley