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**VIA THE ELECTRONIC AND  
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Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
E 9300 Hampton Drive  
Capital Heights, MD 20743

**RE: In the Matter of Verizon Communications, Inc. and MCI, Inc. Applications  
for Approval of Transfer of Control  
WC Docket No. 05-75**

Dear Secretary Dortch:

Enclosed, please find the Initial Comments being filed on behalf of the New Jersey Division of the Ratepayer Advocate in response to the above-captioned matter.

The attached exhibits are redacted. The proprietary version will be filed through hard copy to the Commission.

Very truly yours,

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