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Ex Parte

Marlene H. Dortch - Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Applications for Consent to Transfer Control of Filed by Verizon Communications, Inc. and MCI, Inc., WC Docket No. 05-75 and In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Yesterday, Tom Tauke of Verizon had a conversation with Chairman Kevin Martin. During that conversation questions related to the pending Verizon/MCI transaction and Universal Service came up. All comments by Mr. Tauke were consistent with Verizon's comments placed on the record in both proceedings. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ann D. Berkowitz".

cc: Chairman Martin
Michelle Carey
Sam Feder