

September 19, 2005

Ex Parte

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

**Re: Applications for Consent to Transfer Control of Filed by Verizon
Communications, Inc. and MCI, Inc., WC Docket No. 05-75**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Verizon and MCI have provided extensive evidence in the above-referenced docket showing that the proposed transfer of control is in the public interest. In addition, we have demonstrated that opponents have failed to refute Verizon/MCI's showing that the proposed transaction will not harm competition for any segment of customers or services.

Nevertheless, in light of recent events, we want to ensure that the Commission has ample time to consider the record before it and we are mindful that the Commission's internal "180-day clock" will expire on September 20. We respectfully request that the 180-day clock be extended until October 13 with a goal that the Commission decide the application no later than that date.

Sincerely,



Dee May
Verizon



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MCI

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