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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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445 – 12th Street, SW
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**Re: SBC/AT&T Application – WC Docket No. 05-65;
Verizon/MCI Application – WC Docket No. 05-75**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

In numerous ex parte filings previously submitted in WC Docket Nos. 05-65 and 05-75 by XO Communications and other competitive providers (on May 9, June 6, June 14, July 14, and August 31), these parties offered evidence regarding the likelihood that SBC and Verizon will mutually forbear from competing with one another in the local wholesale market after their proposed mergers are consummated. This evidence demonstrated that SBC and Verizon make no real effort to compete with one another today despite numerous opportunities or federally imposed requirements to do so. These parties further applied the economic concepts of tacit collusion and demonstrated that the conditions existing post-merger in the local wholesale market would make such collusion likely and sustainable. The attached Supplemental Declaration by Simon Wilkie builds on these previous submissions and quantifies the basis for concluding that SBC and Verizon will tacitly collude. More specifically, the Declaration finds that it pays to collude – that is, SBC will reap over \$1 billion in extra profits by not competing against Verizon in the local wholesale market, and Verizon will earn about \$400 million more.

Sincerely,



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