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**PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED FOR COMMENTS
ON VERIZON'S PETITIONS FOR FORBEARANCE
IN THE BOSTON, NEW YORK, PHILADELPHIA, PITTSBURGH,
PROVIDENCE, AND VIRGINIA BEACH METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS**

WC Docket No. 06-172

Comments Due: October 30, 2006
Reply Comments Due: November 29, 2006

On September 6, 2006, the Verizon Telephone Companies (Verizon) filed six separate petitions pursuant to section 10 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended,¹ requesting that the Commission forbear from applying to Verizon certain obligations in the Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Providence, and Virginia Beach Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs).² Specifically, according to its Petitions, Verizon seeks forbearance from loop and transport unbundling obligations pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 251(c) (47 C.F.R. § 51.319(a), (b), (e)); Part 61 dominant carrier tariffing requirements (*id.* §§ 61.32, 61.33, 61.58, 61.59); Part 61 price cap regulation (*id.* §§ 61.41-61.49); Computer III requirements including CEI and ONA requirements; and dominant carrier requirements arising under section 214 of the Act and Part 63 of the Commission's rules concerning the processes for acquiring lines, discontinuing services, assignment or transfers of control, and acquiring affiliations (*id.* §§ 63.03, 63.04, 63.60-63.66).³ Verizon claims that competition in these six markets is even more advanced than

¹ See 47 U.S.C. § 160.

² Petition of the Verizon Telephone Companies for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 160(c) in the Boston Metropolitan Statistical Area, WC Docket No. 06-172 (filed Sept. 6, 2006) (Verizon Boston Petition); Petition of the Verizon Telephone Companies for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 160(c) in the New York Metropolitan Statistical Area, WC Docket No. 06-172 (filed Sept. 6, 2006) (Verizon New York Petition); Petition of the Verizon Telephone Companies for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 160(c) in the Philadelphia Metropolitan Statistical Area, WC Docket No. 06-172 (filed Sept. 6, 2006) (Verizon Philadelphia Petition); Petition of the Verizon Telephone Companies for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 160(c) in the Pittsburgh Metropolitan Statistical Area, WC Docket No. 06-172 (filed Sept. 6, 2006) (Verizon Pittsburgh Petition); Petition of the Verizon Telephone Companies for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 160(c) in the Providence Metropolitan Statistical Area, WC Docket No. 06-172 (filed Sept. 6, 2006) (Verizon Providence Petition); Petition of the Verizon Telephone Companies for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 160(c) in the Virginia Beach Metropolitan Statistical Area, WC Docket No. 06-172 (filed Sept. 6, 2006) (Verizon Virginia Beach Petition) (collectively, Verizon Petitions).

³ See, e.g., Verizon New York Petition at 4 n.3.

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