

September 26, 2006

VIA ECFS

Marlene H. Dortch, Esquire
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

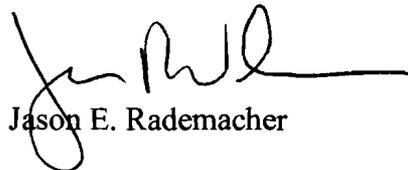
Re: **Petitions of the Verizon Telephone Companies for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 160(c) in the Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Providence, and Virginia Beach Metropolitan Statistical Areas, WC Docket No. 06-172**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I am submitting herewith a copy of the letter Cox Communications, Inc. ("Cox") provided to the Verizon Telephone Companies ("Verizon") in accordance with the procedures described in the Protective Order released September 14, 2006, requesting access to Verizon's confidential filings in the above-referenced proceeding. The attached letter contains copies of the signed acknowledgements of confidentiality of four Cox in-house employees, including an attorney and three regulatory analysts, agreeing to be bound by the Protective Order.

Please inform me if any questions should arise in connection with this submission.

Respectfully submitted,


Jason E. Rademacher

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VIA HAND DELIVERY

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Re: **Petitions of the Verizon Telephone Companies for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 160(c) in the Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Providence, and Virginia Beach Metropolitan Statistical Areas, WC Docket No. 06-172**

Dear Sirs:

On behalf of Cox Communications, Inc. and its affiliates (“Cox”), and in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Protective Order adopted on September 14, 2006, in the above-referenced proceeding, I am submitting herewith copies of the acknowledgements of confidentiality of four persons employed by Cox who will require access to confidential versions of Verizon’s filings in this proceeding. Acknowledgements are being submitted for the following individuals:

Jennifer W. Hightower – Vice President, Regulatory Affairs – Law & Policy Group
Jill Nickel Broome – Vice President, Regulatory Affairs
Rachelle D. Whitacre – Director, Regulatory Affairs
Donald L. Crosby – Senior Counsel

Cox requests that the in-house attorney and regulatory analysts listed above be granted access to all Verizon’s confidential filings in this proceeding. Access to full versions of Verizon’s filings will be necessary for Cox to formulate a complete response to the assertions contained in Verizons’s forbearance petitions. Copies of this letter and the attached

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acknowledgements of confidentiality also are being provided to the Commission today as indicated in the attached letter.

Please inform me if any questions should arise in connection with this submission.

Very truly yours,



Jason E. Rademacher
Counsel to Cox Communications, Inc.

ATTACHMENT A

WC DOCKET NO. 06-172

I have received a copy of the Protective Order in WC Docket No. 06-172. I have read the order and agree to comply with and be bound by the terms and conditions of this Protective Order. The signatory understands, in particular, that unauthorized disclosure, or the use of the information for competitive commercial or business purposes, will constitute a violation of this Protective Order.

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DATE: SEPT. 19, 2006

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COX COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

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SIGNATURE: *Rachelle D. Whitacre*

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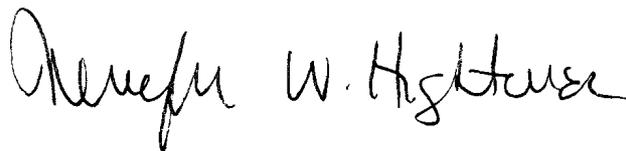
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