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October 4, 2006

By ECFS

Ms. Marlene Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington DC 20554

Re: In the Matter of the Petitions of the Verizon Telephone Companies for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 160 in the Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Providence, and Virginia Beach Metropolitan Statistical Areas.

WC Docket No. 06-172

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to the September 14, 2006 Protective Order in this proceeding, I am providing for filing with the Commission my Protective Order Acknowledgement. If you need more information, please contact me.

Respectfully submitted, .

John E. Benedict

Cc: Jeremy Miller, Competition Policy Division  
Tim Stelzig, Competition Policy Division

## 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.

SIGNATURE: 

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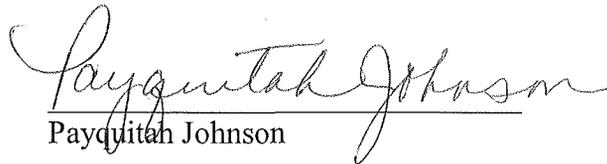
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EMPLOYER: " "

DATE: OCT. 4, 2006

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Acknowledgement of the Protective Order in WC Docket No. 06-172 was delivered via electronic mail and first class mail this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2006, to the individuals listed below.

  
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