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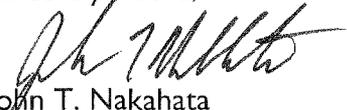
**Re: *In the Matter of Petitions of the Verizon Telephone Companies for
Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 160(c) in the Boston, New York,
Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Providence and Virginia Beach Metropolitan
Statistical Areas, WC Docket No. 06-172***

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to the Protective Order in the above-captioned proceeding, attached please find the executed Acknowledgement of Confidentiality from William P. Hunt III, Vice President, Public Policy, Level 3 Communications, LLC.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (202) 730-1320.

Sincerely Yours,


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Enclosures

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Ashley Kopack, certify that on this day of November 8, 2006, copies of the foregoing acknowledgement of confidentiality were sent via e-mail and first class mail, postage prepaid, to the parties listed below.



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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: *Wm. P. Hunt III*NAME PRINTED: *William P. Hunt III*TITLE: *VP Public Policy*ADDRESS: ~~10245~~ *1025 Eldorado Blvd
Broomfield CO 80021*REPRESENTING: *LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS LLC*EMPLOYER: *ABAC*DATE: *1 November 2006*