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March 2, 2007

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Marlene H. Dortch
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

**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 First and Second Protective Orders in the above-captioned proceeding, attached please find the executed Acknowledgements of Confidentiality from David Sappington, Lanzillotti-McKethan Eminent Scholar, Director, Public Policy Research Center, University of Florida.

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 March 2, 2007, copies of the foregoing acknowledgements 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:



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APPENDIX A

Acknowledgment of Confidentiality

WC Docket No. 06-172

I hereby acknowledge that I have received and read a copy of the foregoing Second Protective Order in the above-captioned proceeding, and I understand it. I agree that I am bound by the Second Protective Order and that I shall not disclose or use Stamped Highly Confidential Documents or Highly Confidential Information except as allowed by this Second Protective Order. I acknowledge that a violation of the Second Protective Order is a violation of an order of the Federal Communications Commission.

Without limiting the foregoing, to the extent that I have any employment, affiliation or role with any person or entity other than a conventional private law firm (such as, but not limited to, a lobbying or public interest organization), I acknowledge specifically that my access to any information obtained as a result of the Second Protective Order is due solely to my capacity as Outside Counsel of Record or Outside Consultant to a party or other person described in paragraph 8 of the foregoing Second Protective Order and that I will not use such information in any other capacity nor will I disclose such information except as specifically provided in the Second Protective Order.

I acknowledge that it is my obligation to ensure that: (1) Stamped Highly Confidential Documents and Highly Confidential Information are used only as provided in the Second Protective Order; and (2) Stamped Highly Confidential Documents are not duplicated except as specifically permitted by the terms of paragraphs 9, 12, 13 and 15 of the Second Protective Order, and I certify that I have verified that there are in place procedures at my firm or office to prevent unauthorized disclosure of Stamped Highly Confidential Documents or Highly Confidential Information.

Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Second Protective Order.

Executed at Harris, Wiltshire & Grannis LLP this 1 day of March, 2007.



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