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**EX PARTE**

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

**RE: Implementation of Section 304 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Commercial  
Availability of Navigation Devices, CS Docket 97-80**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Rudy Brioché, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Adelstein, requested an ex parte discussion today with Verizon to inquire about Verizon's positions in the above referenced proceeding. Will Johnson, Assistant General Counsel for Verizon, and I encouraged the Commission to ensure that any two-way plug-and-play approaches that it endorses or requires would be platform agnostic and would be compatible with the services of video providers using differing technological approaches, including not only traditional cable companies but also IPTV providers, hybrid QAM/IP providers, or others. In particular, Verizon explained that any cable-centric standard that assumes the existence of an RF return path would be incompatible with Verizon's approach of delivering a hybrid IPTV/QAM service over a fiber network. Verizon cautioned that adopting technologies specific to only one segment of the video delivery market will adversely affect innovation and consumer choice. Verizon explained that a network agnostic approach for two-way plug-and-play will allow for nationwide compatibility of devices across satellite, xDSL, FTTP, HFC, and other video delivery networks.

If you have any questions about this matter or need more information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Brigner".

cc: Rudy Brioché