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EX PARTE

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, High Cost Universal Service Support, WC Docket No. 05-337; In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Dennis Weller of Verizon met with Joint Board member Larry Landis on July 14, 2007, with Joint Board member Billy Jack Gregg on July 16, 2007, and with Joint Board member John Burke on July 17, 2007. In these meetings he reviewed the proposals Verizon set forth in its comments in response to the Further Notice issued by the Joint Board. Verizon's proposals include a way to fund new universal service initiatives using savings made possible by competitive bidding for subsidies.

Please contact me directly if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathleen Grillo".