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Exempt Ex Parte

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Service Rules for the 700 MHz Bands, WT Docket No. 06-150

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Yesterday, Thomas J. Tauke, Executive Vice President – Public and External Affairs for Verizon Communications, met with Commissioner Robert M. McDowell and Angela Giancarlo of his Staff via telephone conference at the request of the Commissioner. The Commissioner asked Mr. Tauke to clarify the company's position regarding "open access" requirements on 700 MHz spectrum licenses. Mr. Tauke reiterated the company's opposition, as set forth in its prior filings in the proceeding, to "open access" requirements. He stated that should the Commission nonetheless adopt any rules, those rules should not interfere with the right of subscribers who obtain devices from the licensee to select among the same service plans and devices and benefit from the same customer service experience that they currently receive. He also reiterated the company's opposition to any pricing rules in this area. Mr. Tauke's statements in response to Commissioner McDowell's questions were consistent with the discussion between representatives of Verizon Wireless and the Commissioner at a meeting held earlier yesterday, as set forth in the ex parte notice for that meeting.

Pursuant to Sections 1.1204(a)(10) and 1.1206(b) of the Commission's Rules, a copy of this letter is being filed in the above-referenced docket through the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ann D. Berkowitz". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned to the left of a vertical red line.

cc: Angela Giancarlo